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Republican Party Gone in Princeton? Some Say 'Think Again'

The winds of change blew hard in Princeton Township in the early 1990s. It was January 1992. Republican Larry Glasberg had just been sworn in to his first, and only term, on Township Committee, and with that, came a four-to-one party majority, with the lone Committee Democrat, Phyllis Marchand, back in the minority only three years after her Democratic colleagues, then a majority, voted for her to serve a one-year term as mayor.

In the 1990 elections, Township voters chose Republicans Fred Porter and Ellen Souter to fill available seats on Committee and for a time, albeit a short time, Republicans enjoyed a resurgence not seen since the five years Republican Winthrop Pike sat in the mayor's seat.

This is two-party politics, and this is the active political landscape of Princeton Township. Both parties, for years, had potent candidates to run against equally strong incumbents, and while the voter

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Township Trains Eye on 'McMansions'

After a groundswell of concern in the Township about the impact, both aesthetically and physically, of large homes taking the place of smaller homes on large lots, Township Committee indicated Monday night that it could move toward re-examining the municipal zoning codes to stem so-called "McMansions."

The discussion, which was not a set agenda item, followed weeks of intense debate sparked by a not yet completed 6,000 square-foot home on a one-and-three-quarter-acre lot on North Littlebrook Drive. A physical departure from the more modest homes in that area, the house has raised strong concerns including issues with neighborhood character, a perceived increase in stormwater runoff, not to mention a potential market gouge. The home is listed for $2.5 million.

And while municipal-appointed groups such as the Princeton Environmental Commission have made 73 North Littlebrook the poster child of the Township's housing problems, the issue is a sensitive one for the governing body, and for property owners in general.

The house on North Littlebrook, a product of KP Burke Builders, LLC, is within the zoning code and fully conforms to current Township standards. If the Township moves to reinvigorate its zoning code to place limitations on what a property ownor can and cannot build, there is likely to be an equally powerful groundswell from residents under the aegis of the preservation of property rights.

This is why, for now, it is likely that Township Committee will walk a fine line, though that doesn't mean that the issue won't be explored.

"I think from the experience the neighbors havo had with the properties on Littlebrook, that it's obvious the zoning regulations have to be looked at again," said Edwin Schmierer, Township attorney, after a group of Littlebrook residents approached Committee during a public session to voice concerns. Jim Moorhead, a resident of nearby Clover Lane, went so far as to call the North Littlebrook home a "cancer," adding that it is "far too large" for what he described as a low-lying area. He also remarked on the house's elevated appearance, due to the installation of landfill to deter flooding.

Mr. Schmierer advised Committee that the concorns raised were worth looking into: "We have to come up with a better way to regulate the bulk, the size, and the mass of these rebuilds."

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CHESS FEVER ON THE LIBRARY PLAZA: United States Chess Federation National Master Jon Crumiller took on 20 challengers in a series of simultaneous matches on Saturday afternoon, otherwise known as Chess Day 3. The outdoor sporting event, which featured the master playing three opponents blindfolded, was hosted by the Princeton Public Library. Mr. Crumiller also gave a fecture, "The Art of Chess," in the Community Room. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Borough Council, PU, Continue Dialogue On 'Disturbing Trend' of Student Drinking

Twenty-two Princeton University students have been admitted to Corner House counseling center for alcohol related problems since January, just 16 fewer than admitted through all of 2005. And while that number can be viewed as encouraging evidence that more students are seeking help for an increased level of binge drinking, several officials, including University administrators, find it alarming.

Although the University's Prospect Street eating clubs are the usual suspects when the issue is on-campus drinking, representatives of 10 eating clubs, and University officials, contend that the increase in drinking has resulted from a rise in alcohol abuse within the school's dorms.

Brian McKenna, the University's interclub advisor and member of the Princeton Prospect Foundation, outlined a "disturbing trend" in on-campus drinking, adding that, despite an aggressive on-campus effort to stem alcoholic abuse, certain in-dorm situations had fallen off the radar, and that harmful repercussions, including some cases of sexual assault, need to be addressed.

"People need to realize their decisions are not only going to harm themselves, but everyone, basically," he said. Mr. McKenna appeared before Princeton Borough Council last Tuesday for an annual review geared to address alcohol-related problems. Representatives from 10 eating clubs and University administrators and officials were also on hand.

In fact, over the last several years, with clubs facing threats of fines and possible

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Impeachment Task Force Collecting Signatures

A local Impeachment Task Force will have a table on Nassau Street in front of the Garden Theatre Saturday, May 13, to collect signatures on a petition supporting Rep. John Conyers and Sen. Russ Feingold in their effort to investigate impeachable offenses and censure the president.

In addition there will be post cards for individuals to send to their representatives in Congress asking them to investigate violations of U.S. and international law.

There will also be a straw poll conducted on a life-sized figure of George Bush. Visitors will be asked to cast their vote for or against impeachment by placing a post-it on the figure or on a tabulation board created for the event.

The Impeachment Task Force is a group whose goal is to influence Democrats and others to take a stronger stand against the abuses of the Bush administration.

Democratic parties in five states (New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, Wisconsin, and Vermont) have passed resolutions supporting impeachment. The Conyers resolution in the U.S. House currently has 36 co-sponsors. State legislatures in Illinois and California are on the verge of passing joint resolutions calling for impeachment; there is a little known rule that would require the House to initiate impeachment proceedings even if only one state legislature passes such a resolution.

An April ABC-Washington Post poll indicates that 33 percent of Americans support impeachment.

Topics In Brief
A Community Bulletin

Representatives from **Princeton HealthCare System** were scheduled to appear before **Princeton Borough Council** last night to discuss future zoning on the hospital's 12 acres on the current Witherspoon Street campus. The hospital, which announced last year that it intends to move to Plainsboro and build a $350 million facility on the current FMC Corp. site by 2010, hopes to have zoning on the Witherspoon site changed to commercial/residential preceding a sale to likely developer, Philadelphia-based Lubert Adler. See the May 17 issue of Town Topics for a full report.

Princeton High School, in coordination with **Corner House**, the **PHS Parent Teacher Organization**, and local fire, police, and rescue personnel, will host an automobile crash reenactment for the PHS juniors and seniors. Local fire and rescue personnel will treat the simulated accident victims. The re-enactment was last held at PHS in the spring of 2000 and is timed to precede the PHS prom and graduation. It will take place on the PHS practice field on the corner of Walnut and Guyot streets at approximately 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17, and will be overseen by Chief Greg Paulson of the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad.

Princeton University's Graduate School admitted 1,122 of the 8,614 applicants who applied for the 2006-2007 academic year. The 13 percent overall admission rate is up only slightly from the 12.9 percent of applicants who were admitted last year. However, applications were up 6 percent over last year's 8,120.

In other University news, **Maria Klawe**, a computer scientist and dean of science at the University of British Columbia, has been named dean of Princeton's School of Engineering and Applied Science, effective January 1, 2007. She also will be appointed a professor in the University's department of Computer Science. Ms. Klawe will succeed James Wei, who will step down June 30 to return to full-time teaching and research after 11 years in the post.

The **Princeton Public Library** will hold its Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, May 16, at 5 p.m. in the library's second floor conference room. The meeting is open to the public.

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CAT LOVERS AND CO-CHAIRS: In addition to being cat lovers, Susan Blitzer (left) and Roberta Ellsworth are co-chairs for SAVE's sixth annual spring gala. The animal shelter on Herrontown Road will hold its annual fundraiser, "Tails from Margaritaville," at the Princeton Airport on Saturday, May 20 from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Tickets are $150 and reservations are required. For more information, call (609) 924-3802, or visit www.savehomeless-animals.org.

SAVE Joins Friends of Homeless Animals, Plans Move From Princeton to Montgomery

SAVE, the non-profit small animal shelter at 900 Herrontown Road in Princeton Township, has announced plans to move to a new 10-acre site at 1010 Route 601 in Montgomery Township.

SAVE (acronym for Small Animal Veterinarian Endowment) merged with Friends of Homeless Animals (FOA) in February to form SAVE: A Friend to Homeless Animals.

"When we saw we were traveling on the same road, it seemed only sensible to join forces," said SAVE Executive Director Fred Ball. "SAVE Board members John Sayer and Pauline Egan and FOA Board members Pete Caliaway and Cheryl Mills opened up the dialog with respect to the merger and the use of the old Van Zandt property, which FOA acquired through the generosity of Brad and Cheryl Mills."

SAVE plans to move its administrative offices, currently housed in space donated by Goldman Sachs in their building on Mt. Lucas Road, to an existing 1860s brick building on the former Van Zandt property that is set for renovation. A new shelter facility is to be built on the site that will accommodate the animals now housed on Herrontown Road.

The new site is substantially larger than SAVE's current three-acre site and is "much more promising for good-neighbor relations," said Mr. Ball, who joined SAVE just under a year ago.

Growth

During the past 20 years, SAVE has grown from a 1,000 square feet haven for stray neighborhood animals into a full-service shelter that accepts animals surrendered by individuals, rescue groups, or transferred from other shelters, as space allows.

Now there are some 170 animals housed at any one time at the shelter. Neighbors have voiced concerns over the years about its growth. Kay Klotzburger, who lives on Orchard Road and whose yard is so close to the shelter that she's endured sleepless nights caused by barking dogs, has filed several lawsuits against the organization and has represented local homeowners in discussions about the building, which she says is insufficiently soundproofed.

While sympathetic to SAVE's intentions, Ms. Klotzburger said that because her home is the closest residential property to the shelter, she has borne the brunt of its growth from a very modest facility to one that is no longer appropriate in a residential neighborhood.

"As a volunteer-run facility," she said, "there is no one on site 24/7 and animals are left unattended overnight and for long periods during holiday weekends."

She added that she is less bothered today than she was 10 or 20 years ago, however. "I've grown to live with it and I've learned to tune it out."

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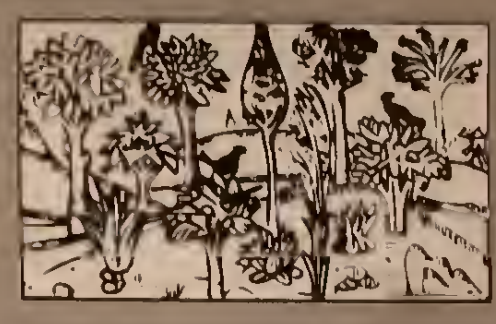
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For Ms. Klotzburger, news of the move comes too late to make much of a difference. She has plans of her own to relocate soon.

New Facilities

"The new location is much better suited for a shelter than the current Herrontown Road site," said Mr. Ball. "We are in the final stages of choosing designers for the restoration of the old Van Zandt house which will be named the Mills House in recognition of the generosity of Brad and Cheryl Mills. We'll move our offices there by the fall of next year and build a new 17,500 foot shelter that we hope to occupy between late 2008 and early 2009." The new shelter will accommodate over 200 animals.

Mr. Ball, who was a commercial real estate developer prior to joining SAVE, said that the non-profit is preparing a capital campaign in hopes of raising more than $3 million to fund construction of the new shelter.

So far SAVE has about $1 million for the project, raised by its Board of Trustees. It hopes to raise another 3 to 3.5 million to fund the new shelter and has an ultimate goal of 5 million so that the new organization can have an endowment that will provide support well into the future.

No Kill

Since 1941, when it was co-founded as the Princeton Small Animal Rescue League—Small Animal Veterinary Endowment by the late veterinarian Dr. Cornelia Jaynes and her friend the late Emily Myrick, SAVE has been a haven for thousands of abandoned pets.

'Animals brought to the shelter receive any necessary medical treatment and socialization before being put up for adoption. Except in extreme cases, SAVE does not consider euthanasia an appropriate option and the new merger organization will continue to have a no-kill policy. "The shelter takes in animals for which there is a high chance of adoption, those that are generally in good health, or treatable with no social issues regarding other animals or humans." said Mr. Ball.

The organization's programs focus on rescue, shelter, adoption, health and welfare, spay/neuter, and humane education, with the goal of reducing animal overpopulation and the corresponding euthanasia of adoptable and treatable animals in the Greater Princeton community.

Spring Gala

In order to raise funds for its continuation and expansion, SAVE-A Friend to Homeless Animals will hold a sixth annual spring gala benefit, sponsored by Merrill Lynch with food by Main Street Catering. Friends and supporters of the organization are invited to "Tails from Margaritaville," with dancing to "Jimmy and the Parrots," as well as a live and silent auction, at the Princeton Airport on Saturday, May 20 from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Tickets are $150 and reservations are required.

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Fax machines, DVD's, VCR's, computer equipment, stereos, phones, and televisions under 36" will be accepted and properly recycled by Advanced Recovery. All documents will be securely shredded on site by Accurate Document Destruction and Recycling Inc. Cell phones and related equipment will be collected and recycled by Recycle First or be donated to Domestic Violence Unit of the Princeton Township Police Department.

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2006 Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award To NPR Correspondent Nina Totenberg

Renowned legal correspondent, journalist, and NPR regular, Nina Totenberg, who is seen as a panelist each week on the syndicated public affairs television program, Inside Washington, will receive the 2006 Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award from Womanspace, the Mercer County nonprofit agency that provides services — 24-hour hotlines, crisis intervention, emergency shelter, counseling, court advocacy, and housing — to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Womanspace will honor Ms. Totenberg's "commitment to informing the citizens of the United States about Supreme Court issues, including sexual harassment, and her professional commitment to excellence." She will receive the 12th annual award at a reception on Wednesday, May 17, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the corporate headquarters of Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc., 1125 Trenton-Harbourton Road, Titusville.

Ms. Totenberg follows the back and forth of Supreme Court debate with the equanimity of a Wimbledon commentator. Her reports, heard regularly on National Public Radio's (NPR) All Things Considered, Morning Edition and Weekend Edition, have won her widespread recognition.

The award-winning legal correspondent makes profound issues understandable. What is more, she's conveyed the styles and idiosyncracies of Supreme Court Justices — Sandra Day O'Conner, Antonin Scalia, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, and others — to NPR listeners, making them seem approachable, the sort of individuals with whom you might like to sit down and debate the issues of the day.

No small feat, and one for which Ms. Totenberg has won numerous awards.

In 1991, her groundbreaking report about University of Oklahoma Law Professor Anita Hill's allegations of sexual harassment by Judge Clarence Thomas led the Senate Judiciary Committee to reopen Thomas's Supreme Court confirmation hearings to consider Hill's charges. NPR received the prestigious George Foster Peabody Award for its gavel-to-gavel coverage, anchored by Ms. Totenberg.

In 1992, Esquire magazine named her one of the "Women We Love." In 1998, she was the first radio journalist to receive the Sol Taishoff Award for Excellence in Broadcasting from the National Press Foundation. Also in 1998, she was named Broadcaster of the Year.

Ms. Totenberg will be presented with the award by Paul Sigmund, whose wife Barbara Boggs Sigmund founded Womanspace in 1977. Ms. Sigmund was Mayor of Princeton Borough from 1983 until her death in office at age 51 in 1990 after an eight-year battle with cancer.

Barbara Baggs Sigmund

Described as "a Southern belle whose charm and grace and style and courage would make her one of the most beloved politicians of modern New Jersey history," Ms. Sigmund was the daughter of Democratic Rep. Hale Boggs of Louisiana and Corrine "Lindy" Boggs, who held the post of Congresswoman from New Orleans for some 20 years. Ms. Sigmund had politics in her blood.

She wrote letters for President John F. Kennedy and danced with President Lyndon Johnson at her wedding to Mr. Sigmund in 1964.

In 1972, Ms. Sigmund won a seat on the Princeton Borough council and led a successful campaign to "Save the Dinky," Princeton's single-car train linking the Borough to Princeton Junction. Three years later she became a Mercer County freeholder.

In 1982, following a diagnosis of cancer, she had her left eye removed. With characteristic panache, she attended events as Mayor of Princeton Borough sporting an eye patch matched to her outfit.

When she entered the Democratic gubernatorial primary in 1989, her campaign slogan was: "I've got my eye on New Jersey."

"Courage is a word of action," she once said. "You cannot wallow in a loss if you want to make a gain. You just go forward and do."

Womanspace

Founded in 1977 by Ms. Sigmund together with Ellen Belknap, Valorie Caffee, the late Mary Ann Cannon, and Deborah Metzger, Womanspace was formed in response to a need that was brought to light in New Jersey by the 1976 Mercer County Commission on the Status of Women.

"The Commission was essentially to find out what women's concerns were," said Womanspace representative Susan Switlik. "The most pressing concern by far was what was then referred to as 'battered wives.' There were few safe places where women who were victims of their husband's abuse could find refuge. Nowadays, help encompasses all victims of domestic violence. As a Mercer County Freeholder, Barbara found her phone ringing off the hook in reference to the issue."

Working in concert with other organizations, Ms. Sigmund sprang into action. Deborah Metzger who was then a college intern from Rutgers working in her office, developed a federal grant proposal for services for women in crisis.

The first Womanspace shelter for female victims of domestic violence and their children, known as the Mercer County Women's Center, is still in use today. Its location has remained undisclosed for the 29 years of Womanspace history. Since 1995, the offices of Womanspace have been located on Stuyvesant Avenue in Trenton.

The agency continues to introduce new programs and services. Its volunteer Domestic Violence Victim Response Teams (DVVRT) work with

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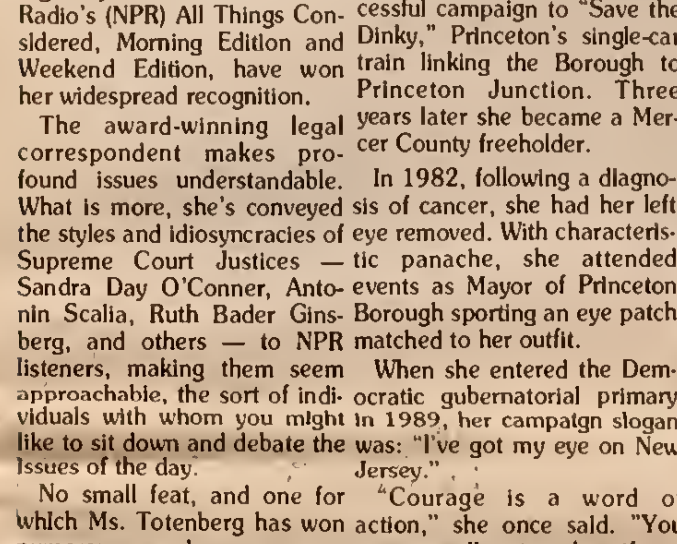

Legal correspondent, journalist, and NPR regular, Nina Totenberg, will receive the 2006 Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award from Womanspace next Wednesday, May 17, at a reception at the corporate headquarters of Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc., 1125 Trenton-Harbourton Road, Titusville, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are $100 per person ($25 for students). For information call: 609-394-0136, or email info@womanspace.org, or visit www.womanspace.org.

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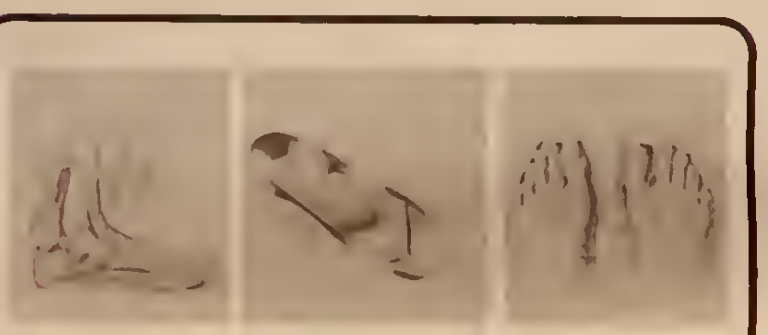

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Womanspace volunteers also help victims and survivors of sexual assault, responding 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to crisis calls on their hotline, as well as to calls from local hospitals or from police. In 2004, 69 victims were accompanied to hospitals and six to legal proceedings.

Since it began, Womanspace has helped over 33,500 women and 4,800 children who have experienced the tragedy of domestic violence. The agency has trained and educated some 48,500 professionals and community members on the issue of domestic violence and has responded to 183,745 hotline telephone calls.

"The work of Womanspace can be highly depressing," said Ms. Switlik, "so we try to approach this annual award event with the same buoyant spirit that Barbara brought to bear on everything she undertook. Her passion for service to her community and her compassion for victims of domestic abuse was unsurpassed, but she also had a great sense of fun. That's what we celebrate on this night."

Annual Award

Each May, Womanspace presents the Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award to an individual who champions causes and issues affecting the lives of women and children. The first Award was given to the ABC political reporter — and Ms. Sigmund's younger sister — Corrine "Cokie" Boggs Roberts, in 1995.

Since then, recipients have been, among others: playwright and Director of Princeton's McCarter Theater, Emily Mann, in 2004; crime novelist and head of the Sex Crimes Unit of the Manhattan DA's office (1976-2002), Linda Fairstein, in 2003; survivors of domestic violence Ann, Pat and Sandy, in 2001; Star Jones, co-host of ABC's The View, in 2000; and Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author Anna Quindlen, in 1999.

Last year, the award was presented to Kent Manahan, news anchor for New Jersey Network and the producer of an award-winning documentary "Battered Wives Shattered Lives." Tickets for the reception are $100 per person ($25 for students). For more information call: 609-394-0136, visit www.womanspace.org, or email info@womanspace.org.

—Linda Arntzenius

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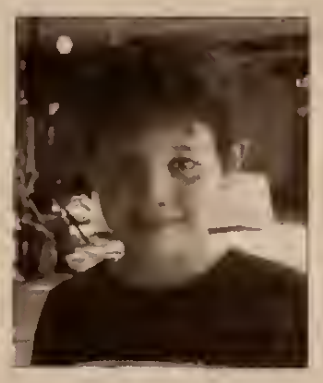
— U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (D-12)

"It is a day to celebrate and to appreciate mothers and family who have raised us all and have taken good care of us. I am not sure of what we plan to do, but it will be something."

—Sgt. Robert Toole, Princeton Township Police



"It's about making your mom happy. I am going to get her a present, but I don't know what it is yet. Maybe we will have a party."

— Cyrille Mueller, Jefferson Road

"Being a mother is the single largest privilege that I have ever had. On Mother's Day somebody is going to spoil me, for sure."

— Teri McIntire, Dempsey Avenue

On Clover Lane and Deer Path "Historic" is a Mixed Blessing

For some residents in a 51-year-old, relatively unassuming development in the Littlebrook section of Princeton Township, say the word "historic" and you'll discover what that designation means to those concerned about building limitations on their properties.

For more than two years, the Princeton Township Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has been considering a 34-home development on Clover Lane and Deer Path for historic designation. And for much of that time, a majority of residents were on board with the idea.

After all, historic designation would preserve the neighborhood character, potentially preclude the building of so-called McMansions, and, most important, might help preserve the aesthetic character of a neighborhood that can only be described as "lived in."

The mid-century modernist vision of noted architect David Savage is what is at stake here, and while (most) residents seem to enjoy the style, there are those who have reservations, as was seen last Monday when HPC resumed its deliberations on the area. What worries some residents is the fundamental role of government, and how it could impact their ability to build.

"It's truly a unique gathering of mid-century homes," said HPC Vice Chair Julie Capozzoli. "The homes are interesting and merit the attention they are getting."

Fair enough, some say, but residents like Jim Hirsch are objecting to the potential historic designation because of the perceived red tape that might need to be cut through before changes could be made to a home in a historic district. Mr. Hirsch also worried about the long-term impact on property values.

Mr. Hirsch is not alone. Twelve homeowners have signed a petition opposing historic designation, as opposed to a petition from 16 residents favoring the label and subsequent mandates.

While HPC Commissioners maintain that the impetus for exploring the historic designation stemmed from a survey of architectural neighborhoods conducted years ago, the accompanying McMansion issue of larger structures being put up near smaller-scale homes has given an immediacy to any actions planned by the municipality.

Commissioner Robert von Zumbusch argued that issues related to McMansions and preservation are concurrent. "You can't talk about one without the other. But in this particular case, there is a possibility that historic preservation can play a role — that's not true with every neighborhood.

"I think it can play a very good role," he added.

But Marion Sherry of Deer Path disagreed, saying that the entire process, which has largely focused on the benefits of preservation, has "really upset" her. "I've had a deep sense of violation and it offends me that in my own home, I'm a supplicant and I have to get everyone to agree with me."

Both she and Mr. Hirsch indicated that there were "unanswered" questions about the economics of such designation and fees related to making changes on homes in areas considered historic.

Salah El-Shakhs of Deer Path, an architect, said most residents in the neighborhood appreciate the architecture and that there is a desire to preserve that character, but that architectural changes should not be out of the question. "We want to preserve that character, we want to prevent McMansions from happening, but we're also opposed to strict rules that would prevent people from making additions to their house."

A home in a historic district is not required to undergo a review for ordinary maintenance, but changes such as installing a different sized window that would be visible from the street would subject the property owner to a $50 administrative review. On a site walk around the Deer Path/Clover Lane neighborhood three weeks ago, most Commissioners agreed that existing changes that have been made to homes would be cleared by the HPC. There are some add-ons, like a two-story Michael Graves rear addition at the home of Raphael Sharon, which would not be approved. Mr. Sharon, a proponent of historic designation, has acknowledged that additions like his would not be acceptable.

HPC will continue its discussion of the Deer Path/Clover Lane neighborhood before holding a public hearing on the potential of historic designation. If HPC recommends such designation, it will ultimately go before the Planning Board and Township Committee for final approval

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Republican Party

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registration counts in the Township have, for some time, indicated a Democratic majority, the Township's vast pool of unaffiliated registered voters proved to be a resource for both parties.

That is, until November 1994.

Future Mayor Michele Tuck (before her surname was hyphenated to the current Tuck-Ponder) and Steven Frakt were elected, joining Ms. Marchand and Sharon Bilanin as a Democratic stronghold that has since become the effective norm. In fact, while one of the primary criticisms of Township government is its one-party status, with the exception of Ms. Marchand, every seat has turned at least once in the last four years. A true indication of a sustainable local political party: the mainstays leave, to be replaced by a newcomer of the same party.

The story is somewhat different for the Township's Republican party. Having put up candidates year after year, only to lose to strong incumbents or Democratic candidates with strong party backing, a small, but committed group of Republicans is trying to make some headway, one unaffiliated vote at a time.

"It's been solid Democrat since the mid-90s and the point is that the demographics have shifted," said Tom Pyle, a resident of Balsam Lane in the Township who, despite a five percentage-point loss in a race for Township Committee this past November, arguably ran the most effective campaign the Republican party has seen in years. He and his running mate, Gordon Bryant of Ettl Farm, lost to Democrats Bernie Miller and Vicky Bergman in a heated contest largely defined by the property tax issue.

In the Township, registered Democrats outweigh registered Republicans 2,947 to 1,195, according to county statistics dating to October of last year, just before the November election. However, 5,474 registered voters, nearly 57 percent of the entire registered voter pool, are unaffiliated, and from Mr. Pyle's perspective, that translates into a chance to win.

But Mr. Pyle is no Pollyanna, nor is he blind to the challenges that lie ahead in reinvigorating a party that has seen its best days in the Township. The Democratic party has enjoyed an effective system (Colin Vonvorys, a four-time Republican candidate for Township Committee has called it a "machine") that brings in new candidates, and provides a strong, consistent backing that, in part, has allowed the Democratic party to be the norm on Committee.

It's those undeclared voters, however, that pose an opportunity, Mr. Pyle said.

"There's a lot of room to move here, and while we might suppose that many of these unaffiliated voters are liberal leaning, we think that with local issues, that's very fertile territory for responsible candidates—as we propose to be."

It should be noted that Mr. Pyle, the chairman of Terracyle, a company that produces organic products made from waste, is a former Democrat. In fact, as a young college Democrat, Mr. Pyle worked for the McGovern campaign of 1972. While Mr. Pyle gives a wry smile when disclosing this information, he admits that he knows what he's up against.

"We take nothing for granted in Princeton, and we don't take the Democratic majority in Princeton for granted," he said, but added that too much concentration of party power leads to "less enlightened decisions.

"I'm not saying anybody's corrupt here, but when things get too comfortable, particularly in government, we lose good checks and balances and healthy debate."

But some of his fellow Republicans are weighing whether the brand "Republican" is a vote-killer.

Mr. Bryant, seemed to battle being both a "Republican in Princeton" (never mind the possible acronym), while simultaneously being appealing to potential voters.

Mr. Pyle, on the other hand, seems comfortable wearing a scarlet "R."

"I would wager to say, as a former Democrat and member of the PCDO (Princeton Community Democratic Organization), it's very fashionable to be a Democrat in Princeton and very counter-cultural to be Republican in Princeton.

"Democrats get invited to more cocktail parties than I do."

Both Mr. Pyle and Mr. Bryant said the best way to achieve exposure and build a new party core is to get a candidate elected, and while last year's elections were encouraging for some Republicans, Republicans did not win. For Mr. Bryant, that loss was a surprise and brought on a good deal of disappointment.

"Put it this way: on election night, I only had one speech written." He did not end up using that speech.

But Mr. Bryant honed in on an intangible concept echoed by Tom Poole, a Republican who served two terms on Committee from January 1985 through December 1990. Both men take an analytic approach to asking "why" the votes changed toward the Democrat column, and how, and if, they can get them back.

Mr. Poole attributed the Republican ebb of the 1990s to the younger people coming along and taking leadership roles. "They were running for office, but they weren't taking leadership roles behind the scenes—where activity has to go on for a party to be truly successful." Without that, Mr. Poole said, a party "cannot" win on a consistent basis.

Mr. Poole pointed to the current party contributors: Mr. Pyle and Mr. Bryant are both in their early 50s and have full-time careers; Tom Mavis, the Snowden Lane resident who experienced an unsuccessful campaign for Assembly last year, and Paul Kapp, who ran for Township Committee in 2004, and Mr. Vonvorys, are all in their 40s and work full-time. There is also a level of dissatisfaction "that is boiling to the surface, finally," Mr. Poole said. "I think there's dissatisfaction in the Democratic Party also," he added, referring to a perceived "sharp turn to the left" among the Democratic Party base that does not sit well with some Democrats.

"You can certainly feel a different energy and there's absolutely more interest," Mr. Mavis said, adding that while he was unable to unseat a five-term incumbent in Reed Gusciora in the Assembly, he was able to get a hold on the issues and use that to attract people to help with the party.

"There's a lot more interest than there has been in many years. It's a lifecycle thing," said Mr. Kapp, who, along with his running mate Irene While, was unable to put a dent in the campaigns of now-Committeeman Lance Liverman and Ms. Marchand in 2004. "It's a little bit easier to get people involved than it has been in the past, but I think one of the keys is that we are getting younger, and the old guard is starting to pass the baton.

"They shouldered the burden for a long time," he said adding while there is disappointment that Republicans have no candidates on the ballot in either the Borough or Township, the break "will give us enough time to catch our breath."

Mr. Vonvorys, who clashed with Township Democratic Municipal Committee chair Dan Preston when the party was trying to find someone to fill the vacancy created with Committeeman Bill Hearon's anticipated retirement (Mr. Hearon chose to stay instead), said in an interview in March that the 2005 Republican campaign could serve as a launching pad.

"It had the Democrats a little nervous. There's an energy and a vibrancy that the Republicans are showing that I haven't seen in a long time. I'm really excited about the direction and the health of the party," he said, adding that he anticipates Democrats crossing party lines.

Time will only tell if the winds of political change are blowing in that direction.

—Matthew Hersh

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Overbrook Drive Sidewalk Plan Met With Resistance and Compromise

Overlook Drive residents have a bitter pill to swallow, but their battle to stem a sidewalk plan for their street has, at the very least, created a greater sense of unity among neighbors.

On Monday, Township Committee approved, 4-1, a plan to install a $36,000 concrete sidewalk on the southern side of Overbrook in this eastern Township neighborhood, north of the Littlebrook section.

The Township will finance 50 percent of the bill, with residents shouldering the remaining $18,000, which can be paid off over the course of a decade. However, as some reluctant neighborhoods facing sidewalk installation in the past have found, the cost will be shared by residents of the 16 homes on both sides of Overbrook, not just the side impacted. Residents of Tee-Ar Place brokered a similar cost sharing arrangement last year.

But there was little jubilation among Overbrook residents as Committee made their decision Monday. Those who did speak addressed technical issues, rather than the philosophical issues that had dominated discussions for the past two months.

In March, when Township Committee unanimously introduced two ordinances that explored various sidewalk materials for Overbrook Drive, residents argued that a sidewalk was not needed, with some claiming Committee was overstating its intention to increase pedestrian safety.

At the time, residents in opposition maintained that other roadways, like a nearby portion of Snowden Lane near Barbara Smoyer Park and the site of a planned subdivision near the corner of Snowden and Van Dyke Road, needed sidewalks more than theirs.

But after testimony from Sgt. Thomas Murray of Princeton Township Police's Traffic Safety Unit encouraging a sidewalk and a plea from Joshua Leinsdorf, a member of the Princeton Regional Board of Education who cited nearby Littlebrook Elementary School, support from members of Committee seemed assured.

And on Monday, that assurance was realized. Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller, who voted in March to introduce the sidewalk ordinance, voted to oppose the measure, however, saying that the Township should "move on" and should use the project finances elsewhere.

"This is not Snowden Lane: this is not contiguous with the Borough, this is not within walking distance of stores, shops, places of worship — it is a different sort of region."

Committeewoman Vicky Bergman, a resident of Leabrook Lane west of Overbrook on the other side of Snowden Lane, disagreed. "I have heard from residents who have said they would walk if there were a sidewalk and would be encouraged to walk more if they felt safe to do so."

Saying she was "encouraged" by the testimony provided by Township Police, Ms. Bergman added that the Township's plan for road reconstruction for Overbrook might not be revisited for another 30 years. As has been the case in the past, the Township typically aligns sidewalk construction with road projects.

In other news, Township Committee voted to increase the annual sewer charge 27 cents to $5.85 per hundred cubic feet of metered water.

Anticipated expenses for 2006, including actual transmission for sewer lines and maintenance, and the physical processing of the sewage to the Stony Brook Regional Sewer Authority, indicated that rates would have to be raised. The bulk of the increase, Mr. Pascale said, is due to the treatment cost, which went up 20 percent in the last year.

— Matthew Hersh

Whole Earth Center Acts Reward Town Bicyclists

To celebrate the proclamation of May as National Bike Month by the League of American Bicyclists, the Whole Earth Center will launch Random Acts of Community — a new town-wide program to thank and reward bicyclists. Once a week on an arbitrarily chosen day, time, and street corner, the first bicyclist who passes by will be rewarded with a "Thank You for Bicycling" certificate outlining the multiple benefits of biking. The certificate can be redeemed for $25 worth of goods at the Whole Earth Center.

For the past few years, the Whole Earth Center has worked with Kopp's Cycles on a punch-card reward program where customers who bike to the Whole Earth to shop receive $10 off on bike accessories. Also, over 2,000 signatures have been collected on a petition asking Princeton Borough and Township to seek the League of American Bicyclists' Bike Friendly Community designation.

Over the coming months, the Whole Earth Center plans to work with other local, independently owned businesses to commit additional Random acts of Community that will reward residents who bike and walk to town.

The Whole Earth Center is located at 360 Nassau Street in Princeton. To find out more about National Bike Month and Bicycle Friendly Communities, visit the League of American Bicyclists' website at www.bikeleague.org.

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The Girl Scouts welcome girls at various levels: Daisy (kindergarten to first grade), Brownie (first to third grade) Junior (fourth to sixth grade); Cadette (sixth to ninth grade) and Senior (tenth to twelfth grade).

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For more information, call Susan Vanderkam at (609) 683-0735, or visit www.princetongirlscouts.org.

The **Princeton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution** will meet on Saturday, May 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Nassau Club. The program will review the history of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the Princeton Chapter.

Lunch will cost $18.

Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (609) 936-8798.

The **Garden Gate Garden Club of Lawrenceville** will meet on May 15 for a program titled "Myth Busting the Native Plant Theory" with guest speakers Jeannie Francis and Alicia McShulkis. The program will cover the history of plants in the colonies, starting with the earliest plants known, and how plants have changed from 1804 to the present.

The speakers will also discuss heirloom plants and offer New Jersey heirloom tomato plants, among others, for sale. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church, 1039 Lawrence Road, Lawrenceville. The entrance to the meeting room and parking are located at the rear of the church. For more information or details about the club, call Judy Ryba at (609) 581-8818.

The **Institute of Management Consultants,** New Jersey chapter, will hold a dinner meeting on Monday, May 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Doral Forrestal. A workshop on "Next Generation Coaching" will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.

The dinner speaker will be Susan Battley of Battley Performance Consulting, Inc.

The cost for the workshop will be $35 for members, $45 for nonmembers. Dinner will be $40 for members, $60 for nonmembers.

To register, call (609) 896-4457 or visit www.imcnewjersey.org.

Soroptimist International of Princeton will meet on Tuesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Nassau Club. The speaker will be Alison Long, a master's degree student at the American University, Washington, D.C., who will discuss her preparation for a three-month stay in Afghanistan, educating girls at the Oruj Learning Center.

A business meeting will follow the talk.

For more information or reservations, call (609) 924-8072.

The **Professional and Business Singles Network** will host an After Work Social on Tuesday, May 23 at the Alchemist & Barrister Restaurant on Witherspoon Street from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Admission will be $10.

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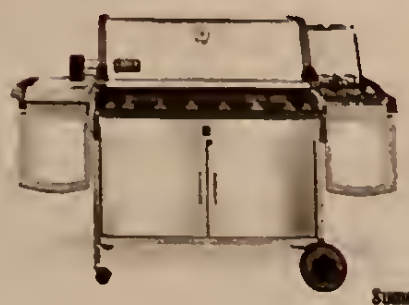

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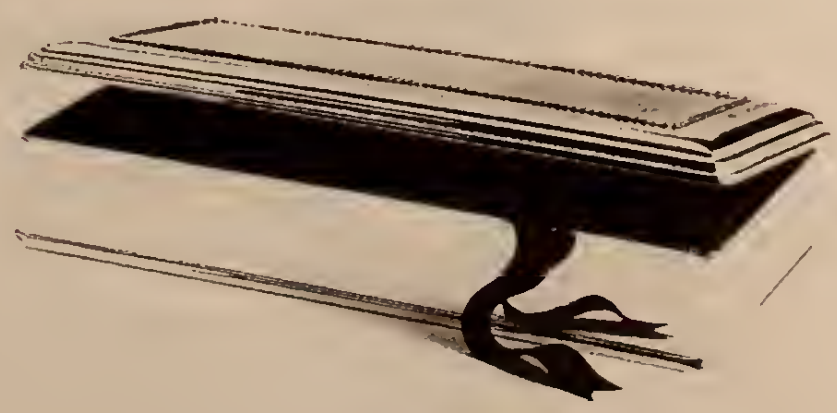

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PROFILES in EDUCATION

PHS Coach John Miranda in the newly constructed gym that is big enough to hold the entire student body. He's looking forward to the gym's grand opening this October. "Friends of Princeton Athletics have purchased banners of all the old sports teams that we are going to hang up in the gym," he said. "They should be up in time for the opening."

(Photo by Linda Arntzenius)

When two planes crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, Princeton High School (PHS) Coach John Miranda who is also a lieutenant colonel in the United States Marine Corps Reserves waited for the call that he knew would come. In February 2002, he was placed on active duty during Operation Freedom and was subsequently dispatched to Iraq where he handled multi-million dollar inventories as a logistics officer helping to move and support troops in the conflict. He was away from his family for a year and a half but the experience of focused teamwork toward a shared goal has given him valuable insights as a coach.

The son of a retired army officer, Mr. Miranda joined the United States Marine Corps straight out of Wilkes College in Pennsylvania, where he played football. It was at Wilkes that the former high school athlete—he'd played football, baseball, and track for Riverside High School in Cinnaminson—really fell in love with athletics. During his four-year stint as an officer in the Marines, he gained his first coaching experience as a player/coach on the battalion team, acquiring an enthusiasm for coaching that has never waned.

After leaving the Marines, he worked for a couple of years in management in the corporate world before deciding on a career plan that would allow greater focus on athletics and coaching. He moved into teaching in 1987.

With both of his parents being teachers, and his father a retired army officer, Mr. Miranda had always thought he would go into the military or into the business world—his undergraduate degree is in business and his master's degree is in business education. In effect he's traveled both routes to reach his present destination. He's been at Princeton High School since 1993, as head baseball coach and as business and marketing teacher until his appointment last year as Director of Athletics for the Princeton Regional Schools. He's also in charge of the John Witherspoon Middle School athletics program.

Improved Facilities

With renovations and construction of the new PHS athletic facilities moving toward completion, Coach Miranda looks forward to seeing some positive effects on student health from the new fitness center. The center will boast an inside running track and a variety of exercise equipment. Most important of all, according to Mr. Miranda, is that it will be open to the entire student body. "Whether you're an athlete or not, you're going to get an opportunity to exercise at whatever level you want under the supervision of our staff. We're also hoping to have it open up to the entire community, after school hours."

With the goal of creating an individualized physical fitness/health program (including nutrition) for every child in Princeton's schools, the Princeton Regional School District has applied for a grant that would not only fund new equipment and staff training, but would support the necessary computer software.

Improved facilities such as the new state-of-the-art gymnasium, tennis courts, revamped athletic and new softball fields, said Mr. Miranda, will make his job even better. He enjoys just about all aspects of just about all sports. This year he's had a lot of fun watching the PHS wrestling team perform. "Every game is a little story in itself," he said.

As a coach, his biggest satisfaction comes from seeing kids stretch to reach their potential. "The big thing for me is seeing students have fun playing their sport and watching them play at a level that maybe they didn't think they could achieve." His biggest disappointment is parents who live vicariously through their kids and who don't allow them to enjoy the sport for themselves.

Day Tripper

With such a large portion of his life spent on the playing fields and with other people's children, Mr. Miranda tries to spend as much time as he can doing things with his family. Mr. Miranda and his wife Jeannie, have three sons. John is 16 and a sophomore at PHS, where he plays football, baseball, and basketball. Fourteen-year-old Nicki is about to enter high school. Twelve-year-old Timmy is in sixth grade. The family lives in New Hope and loves to travel and explore different towns and villages together. They go to movies, visit local festivals such as the Doylestown Arts Festival, and attend Trenton Thunder games. This past winter, they went skiing and during the summer they plan day road trips.

Jeannie is a physical therapist working in the Pennridge School District of Pennsylvania. The couple, who will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary this August, have a shared interest in athletics that has fueled long discussions over the years. "From my end it's about coaching, from Jeannie's end it's about anatomy," he said.

It has long been Mr. Miranda's dream to finish the doctoral program that he was applying for at Temple University when he received the call to active duty. Since that time, his higher education plans have been on hold. With his own kids rapidly approaching college-age, his plans may remain on hold for a while, he said. He continues to serve as a lieutenant colonel in the marine reserves, however, and recently returned from annual training exercises in New Orleans.

Although he's learned from every coach he's worked with, it was his first Pop Warner football coach when he was 12 years old who taught him most: "Osa Meekins of the old Palmyra Pals was my coach. He was a postal worker and besides my parents he was probably the most influential person in my life. He inspired me. I never wanted to let him down. He taught me lessons about life that have lasted a life time."

—Linda Arntzenius

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JUST THE PRINTS, MA'AM: Officer Narvaez fingerprinting Isabel Soto at Saturday's Princeton Shopping Center Fun Fair, which included a petting zoo, Pony rides, a disc jockey, and family Health Day. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

'McMansions'

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Township Committee attempted to do just that earlier this year when it placed some restrictions on the square-footage of impervious surfacing on single-family lots in an effort to help prevent increased flooding. Even then, the surface coverage caps, mandated in response to an increasing number of driveways and home additions being built, proved alarming for some residents who worried that caps would negatively impact property values.

Mr. Schmierer said that while those measures have some regulatory impact where stormwater issues are involved, "you're going to see this happen more and more throughout the town." He added that the Township should consult with the Planning, Zoning, and Engineering departments to figure out what is appropriate for a lot.

"The regulations need to be looked at from the bottom up, and I think we should start that tomorrow," he said.

Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand agreed that the Township should move forward, albeit guardedly, with re-examining the zoning: "We're going to have to go back to the drawing board, but we still have to remember that people have property rights."

—Matthew Hersh

Smart Growth Group Names Borough Resident to Post

New Jersey Future, a statewide group that offers research and analysis of land use policies, has named Princeton Borough resident Scotia W. MacRae as its director of development.

Ms. MacRae, of Evelyn Place, was formerly with the Mercer Street Friends of Trenton, where she initiated and participated in development activities as director of communications. Her previous experience includes serving as an assistant vice president and senior editor in marketing and communications at Merrill Lynch in Plainsboro, and as the opinion page editor at the Times of Trenton.

Scotia W. McRae

George Hawkins, New Jersey Future's executive director said Ms. MacRae's communication's background would help the organization in its fund-raising endeavors. "MacRae's strong communications background gives her a special advantage in fund-raising for a policy organization with invisible 'products' that strongly affect how land is preserved and communities are redeveloped statewide," he said.

Ms. MacRae will oversee the planning and direction of New Jersey Future's corporate and individual membership programs and campaigns. She succeeds Margaret O'Gorman, who accepted the position of executive director with the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey.

Both Ms. MacRae and her husband, Richard Blofson, live in the Borough.

HAPPINESS IS A WARM BUNNY: Just ask Bailey Callaway, who enjoyed a petting zoo cuddle at the Princeton Shopping Center's Fun Fair last Saturday. Pony rides, a disc jockey, and family Healthy Day were all part of the occasion.

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Student Drinking

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closures, stricter mandates and increased security have been implemented. But as rules have been put into place, the dorms, according to University officials, have become the locale for impromptu parties where some students will first drink to the point of inebriation, and then venture out to the eating clubs.

Roberto Schiraldi, the University's health services psychologist, said the "pre-party" was a dangerous element in need of attention: "People are not going to die from beer in the clubs—it's the shots and hard liquor," he said, adding that a majority of students drink "safely and responsibly.

"But I don't have any magic answers. We have to work together to come up with a solution," he added.

While some students are known to increase levels of drinking once entering college, Dr. Daniel Silverman, the University's chief medical officer, said that while binge drinking is often related to the college years, it is "secular" and more defined by the age group.

Dr. Silverman pointed out that nearly three-quarters of students entering college have had prior experience with alcohol—a problem exacerbated once they arrive on campus. But there has been "one assault too many on campus," he said, adding that the University needs to be more aggresive about encouraging victims of sexual assault to report to campus security.

Councilman David Goldfarb pointed to last month's investigation into the disappearance and subsequent death of John Fiocco Jr., a College of New Jersey freshman who was last seen drinking just before his March 25 disappearance. Mr. Fiocco's remains were subsequently found in a landfill in Bucks County, Pa., after a month-long investigation.

Mr. Goldfarb said the situation could have been averted "had alcohol not been a significant factor."

Council President Peggy Karcher said an open dialogue should be maintained, recommending a regular meeting with the University rather than an annual review. Mayor Mildred Trotman agreed: "It is a big problem and it has to be addressed one way or another."

—Matthew Hersh

Lethargy, Obesity Targeted During Week-Long Event

Momentum Fitness at 377 Wall Street in Montgomery will hold an open house along with other members of the nonprofit International Health, Racquet & Sportsclub Association (IHRSA), for the week of May 15 through May 21 as part of the national Get Active America! campaign.

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13 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 13 births to area residents during the two week period ending May 8.

Sons were born to Annisa and Daren Mele, Princeton, April 24; Stephanie and Tarje Nissen-Meyer, Princeton, April 28; Beena and Suresh Balakrishnan, West Windsor, April 29; Arlene and John Bradley Howard, Princeton Junction, May 2; and Sara Pickens Doran and Justin Doran, Princeton, May 3.

Daughters were born to Michelle and Gabriel Lependorf, Princeton, April 20; Li-Chih Chang and Chen Zhang, West Windsor, April 22; Sally and Mark Hogan, Lawrenceville, April 23; Aurelie and Jean Phillipe Bellenger, Princeton, April 24; Rajya Chappidi and Venkateswara Mallela, Lawrenceville, April 28; Blanca Sanchez and Fernando Larrain, Princeton, April 29; Yuan Xue and Jianbo Chen, Princeton, May 1; and Nadia Martinez and Gilberto Mena, Lawrenceville, May 3.

Canal Watch Schedules Stockton Walking Tour

The Delaware & Raritan Canal Watch will lead a walk in Stockton on Saturday, May 20 and take part in a cleanup on Bulls Island the following day, May 21.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20, the Canal Watch will lead a three-mile walking tour of the historic Stockton area, part of its series of community rambles. Stockton's mayor and residents familiar with the borough's history will join the walk.

Participants will meet at Prallsville Mills, north of Stockton on River Road (Route 29). The walk will follow the towpath through Stockton to Brookville and return by way of the rail trail. Historic Stockton, the remains of the grist mill and Hiram Deats foundry at Brookville, and the Prallsville Mills complex will be explored.

On Sunday, May 21, in celebration of National Rivers Cleanup Week, the Canal Watch and the Mohawk Canoe Club will lead volunteers on a cleanup at Bulls Island State Park, about three miles north of Prallsville Mills on Route 29. Participants will meet at the park's main parking lot at 9 a.m. to help pick up debris and trash on the trails and at the water's edge, while the canoe club works from the water side. Gloves and bags will be provided. Long-sleeved shirts and pants are recommended.

Neither event requires registration. For more information, call (609) 924-2683.

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Robin Broomer
Town Topics Advertising Director

Mother's Day Crêpes

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3 large eggs
3 tblsp sugar
4½ tblsp unsalted butter, melted
½ cup brandy
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 cup all-purpose flour
Pinch of salt
Butter for cooking
Scrambled eggs for filling the crepes
Crêpe pan or flat iron skillet
Spatula

Blend milk and eggs. Mix on medium-high speed until foamy, about 10 seconds. Turn blender to low speed and add sugar and salt then blend on high for a few seconds. Add butter, brandy, and vanilla, and blend for several seconds after each addition. Turn blender off. Add flour all at once and blend until just combined. Place crêpe pan over moderately high heat. With flexible spatula, spread a tiny amount of butter in pan (an alternative method is to brush the pan with melted butter using a pastry brush) and heat until butter just begins to smoke. Pour 1/4 to 1/3 cup batter into the pan. As you pour, quickly tilt the pan in all directions to spread a thin layer of batter across the bottom. Pour in just enough batter to cover the pan. Cook crêpe over moderately high heat until bubbles just begin to form on the exposed surface, about one to two minutes. Lift up the edge to check the cooking process — if the crêpe starts to burn before it is cooked through, turn down the heat. If it is not nicely browned after two minutes, turn up the heat. When underside of crêpe is browned, flip and cook another minute or less, until other side is browned. Remove from pan and keep warm. Grease pan again and repeat the process until all batter is used.

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Rescue Report

On Monday, May 1, the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad was dispatched for an unresponsive person in a doctor's office. Upon arrival, the crew found a 40- year-old male regaining consciousness after experiencing a seizure. The patient was lethargic and answering questions slowly, but his condition gradually improved during transport to the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP).

On Tuesday evening, May 2, the Squad was dispatched to a health care facility for a 78-year-old man who may have experienced a stroke after the staff noticed him leaning in his wheelchair. The crew found the patient with left-sided weakness and an inability to form words. He was transported to UMCP for treatment.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 3, the Squad responded for an 11-year-old girl with an altered mental status. According to reports, the patient fell and struck her head while playing soccer. The patient got up and continued to play, but 45 minutes later went to the school nurse with a headache and dizziness. When the patient became lethargic and confused, 911 was called and the Squad was dispatched. The girl was transported to Capital Health Systems' Fuld Campus for evaluation and treatment of her head injury.

On Thursday, May 4, the Squad responded for a motor vehicle collision involving a truck and a bicyclist. According to reports, the bicyclist struck the side of a truck as it was making a turn. The rider sustained injuries to his shoulder and abrasions to his face, arms and legs. He was transported to UMCP for treatment.

Since Rescue Reports for the issues of April 26 and May 3 did not run, here is a brief summary of Squad activity between April 17 and May 1, which included an 84-year-old male who passed out in his wheelchair; a Sewer Operating Committee employee injured when his truck's boom broke, swinging out of control and striking his knee; a 52-year-old female who reportedly had a grand mal seizure while driving; a 27-year-old male who fell eight feet and landed on his back when the ladder he was working on at a construction site slipped out from under him; a 35- year-old male who slipped down the last few steps of an attic ladder and injured his ankle and foot; a 74-year-old female who reported having fallen in her bathroom; an 85-year-old female involved in a motor vehicle collision; and an 80-year-old female who slipped on a cork and landed on her arm, apparently causing a compound fracture to her ulna.

Police Blotter

A 48-year-old Marlboro resident, Angelo Tedesco, was arrested on charges of simple assault after he allegedly struck the coach of his son's soccer team after a mid-day game on April 22 at Farmfield Park on The Great Road. According to police, the accused man was enraged about having his son benched during the second half of the game, and slapped the coach in the face several times before the two were separated by other parents. The coach, who stated that he had benched his assailant's son because of a minor injury, was taken to police headquarters where he signed the complaint summons.

Thomas Troy, 19, of East Windsor, was arrested on May 5 following an investigation into the theft of embalming fluid from a funeral home in Princeton where he works. The accused man was also charged with using the funeral home's credit cards fraudulently. He was arrested by Borough Det. Michael Bender and charged with theft and forgery, then released on $25,000 bail pending a court date.

A "blue stick" memory drive valued at $1,000 was reported stolen from the cafeteria at the John Witherspoon Middle School on May 4. Described as a thumb-drive device which protects the computer software of a cash register, the device was reportedly stolen during the 45-minute period between 2 and 2:45 p.m. Police have no suspect(s).

Representatives of Princeton University's Terrace Club, appearing in Princeton Borough Municipal Court on May 1, pled guilty to one count of serving alcoholic beverages to a minor. An additional charge brought by Borough Det. Bender of maintaining a nuisance was dismissed. The charges stemmed from an incident that occurred on February 25, when a 19-year-old female became intoxicated at the club and had to be transported to the University Medical Center at Princeton for treatment.

The club, located at 62 Washington Road, was fined $664 for the offense, and under the plea agreement ordered not to serve alcohol in the club between May 8 and May 31. The club was also warned that future problems could lead to a filing of the more serious charge of maintaining a nuisance, which could result in the club being closed for up to one year.

Four drivers were arrested in Princeton Borough on charges of driving while intoxicated: Sean Frew, 24, of Old Bridge on April 23; Thomas J. Chiantese, 58, of Trenton on April 28; William W. Savage, 50, of Pennington on April 30; and Luis Donis, 29, of Linden Lane on April 30. All were released with summonses to appear in Borough Municipal Court — on May 1 in Mr. Frew's case, on May 8 for the others.

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Tippy Toes at 20 Nassau Street Offers Array of Children's Shoes

There's more than happy feet at Tippy Toes, the new children's shoe store at 20 Nassau Street. Owners John and Joy Chung have provided a special atmosphere for small shoppers.

"We have a 3-year-old and a 5-year-old at home, and this store is all about kids having a good time," explain the Chungs. "Everything is geared to their height. Shoes are at a lower level, so they can see them easily. We want the kids to be able to experience things, look at them, and touch them.

"We just think that if we make people feel very welcome and offer them a wonderful experience, the rest will take care of itself."

IT'S NEW To Us

They certainly seem to have succeeded. Opened the end of March, the store already has scores of customers, including repeats. The inviting decor appeals to kids and grown-ups alike. Light and bright, Tippy Toes is filled with color. The array of footwear for little feet ranges from styles for newborns to sizes 3 (U.S.) and 35 (European). The shoes are in every color of the rainbow and in many fun and friendly styles, including sneakers, sandals, and dress shoes.

Among the lines are Geox, "shoes that breathe," says Mr. Chung. "Also, Tsukihoshi, great lightweight, moderately-priced shoes from Japan, Garvalin for girls, Lellie Kelly girls' shoes from Italy, Agatha Ruiz de la Prada, also for girls, and the classic Sonnet English shoes for boys and girls.

"We have shoes that are colorful and fun," he adds, "But we never compromise on good quality. And we are very careful to fit the shoes properly."

Hot Crocs

Crocs are hot, no question about it, reports Mr. Chung. "They are so popular, I've had to order more. Made of a revolutionary type of rubber, they are very comfortable and form to the foot bed. They are the only shoes we offer in adult sizes because it's fun to see the whole family wear them. They are in all colors, and there are also 'Jibbitz', little fun items to put on the shoes for decoration. They are popular too."

In addition to shoes, which are the focus of the store, Tiny Toes carries a variety of clothing, jewelry, sock dolls, barrettes, and clips for hair. The "Bead Bazaar" contains all the makings for a necklace or bracelet in a small tube. Very fun for $3.

Room Seven clothing is available for boys and girls, as well as "delicious" "Candy Clothing", which emits an aroma similar to candy, a sure-fire attraction for kids.

"Small Paul" T-shirts, featuring the popular monkey, also offer a "scratch and sniff" motif.

Bla Bla baby apparel is also available, as are nighties for little girls, which are big sellers.

Appealing Ambiance

Beyond the merchandise, the ambiance of Tippy Toes is especially appealing. The Chungs have made a big effort to create a setting that is very kid-friendly. Mrs. Chung, a graduate of Parsons School of Design, designed the decor, and helped to paint the mural that almost covers one entire wall. It shows houses, trees, and grazing sheep in a very peaceful scene.

In addition, a "Tree" with branches displaying flowers, dragonflies, as well as shoes, socks, and T-shirts is a highlight. It will change seasonally to depict the time of year.

"We have tried to incorporate the outdoors," explains Mr. Chung. "Everything from nature is good, and we want to have a naturalness here. We also like to emphasize the idea of home. Home is where the heart is.

"For example, we have a roof over one of the displays with a squirrel on top. One of the kids looked up and said, 'Mom! Mom! There's a squirrel on the roof.' Kids notice everything."

Toys and Trinkets

The Chungs have also set up a small table and chairs with toys and sketch pads for children to play with. And next to it is a mailbox, filled with special complimentary toys and trinkets.

Mr. Chung clearly enjoys being with children. His manner is easy and friendly, as he helps kids try on new shoes. Conversation is relaxed, and no one is ever rushed. It was he who selected "Tippy Toes" as the shop's name. "Kids are always reaching up for things," he explains. "Standing up on tiptoe."

Customers are responding very positively, he reports. "We have been surprised and grateful that there has been such a big response. People are coming from Princeton and all over, including Bucks County.

"We don't think there is any other store like ours. There were no other shoe stores here that had children's shoes exclusively, and we thought we could fill a need."

Shoppers will find a wide price range, with Crocs at $29, shoes from $40, and sandals at $42. Gift certificates are available, as is the Seventh Heaven Club. "When customers have purchased seven pairs of shoes, they will receive 30 percent off the next pair," says Mr. Chung.

"This is our first selling season," he continues, "and we're just getting a feel for what the customers like. We are really happy to be here, and we look forward to being a part of the community. We want to be involved, and we are here to stay!"

Tippy Toes is open Tuesday through Friday 10 to 6, Saturday until 7, Sunday 12 to 5. 609-683-8637.

HAPPY FEET: "We hope to provide a great service and experience here. We want kids to have fun at our store. Everything is geared for them." Joy and John Chung, owners of Tippy Toes, the new children's shoe store, are sitting by a display of colorful footwear for kids. In the background is a mural designed and painted by Mrs. Chung, with the help of a friend.

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Peterson's Landscape & Nursery Is Mainstay for Area Gardeners

Ponds, waterfalls, a Japanese garden, water gardens, winding pathways, a gazebo, benches for relaxation—all can be found at Peterson's Landscape & Nursery at 3730 Lawrenceville Road (Route 206). This 67-year-old mainstay for Princeton gardeners is a lovely retreat, as well as an extraordinary showcase for plants, shrubs, trees, flowers, and garden supplies. Loyal customers look forward to coming to this scenic spot every season.

It all began in 1939, when as a 6-year-old, he sold his first box of blueberries at a roadside stand, reports Charles Peterson, Jr.

"As time went on, my parents took me to tomato farms, and I picked and boxed them, then sold them, and later added strawberries."

Mr. Peterson's early interest in selling fresh produce did not diminish, and by the mid-1940s, he had a flourishing business.

"My dad, Charles Peterson, was a steam fitter, and he helped me with the business. He'd drive me to Philadelphia to pick up produce. He was interested in my success and in helping me. Later, when I was drafted into the army, he took the summer off and operated the business. At one point, we had the biggest roadside produce stand in central New Jersey. On Saturdays alone we could sell as many as 5,000 ears of corn!"

In time, Mr. Peterson's interest shifted to horticulture, and now as a landscaping, nursery and garden center, Peterson's provides a complete selection of plants, shrubs, trees, garden ornaments, tools and supplies.

Number One

"Gardening has always been considered the number one outdoor activity, and it is a known stress-reliever," notes Mr. Peterson. "This month, people are coming in for perennials, annuals, shrubs, trees, and all the supplies. Hanging baskets are very popular this season, and our roses will be in this week. Mulch, topsoil, fertilizer, and peat moss are in demand too.

"The most important part of gardening is the preparation," he adds. "Preparing the garden should include rototilling with peat moss. Fertilizer is important. MiracleGro is a good product, and the fertilizer we use is 20-20-20, which we mix with liquid seaweed. We recommend this to customers."

Another thing, he points out is the need for sufficient watering. "When you water, it is important to get down to the root system, not just watering on the surface. March and April were very dry. If there is a dry fall and a dry spring, the plants are stressed."

Impatiens, petunias, geraniums all remain popular, as well as lilacs, azaleas, rhododendron, and hydrangeas, reports Mr. Peterson. It's important to consider whether plants will be in shade or sun, or wet or dry areas. Andromeda, leuthoe, and rhododendron do well in the shade, and ornamental grasses, rose of Sharon, and hydrangeas like a combination, he adds.

It is safe to plant all varieties by May 10 to May 15, and for gardeners coping with deer, Milorganite, Deer Off and Deer Out are good repellants, among many others, he points out.

Mr. Peterson is proud that Peterson's relies on beneficial insects to control pests, rather than chemicals. "Forty years ago, I had become extremely allergic to pesticides. I felt there was a better way, so we went into the use of beneficial insects, such as ladybugs, lacewings, and many others. We haven't used a chemical pesticide or herbicide here in 40 years.

Every Kind

"The quality has been maintained," he continues, "and it is nice to be able to make things grow without chemical pesticides. We have proved that it can be done.

"We have everything for the garden, including every kind of planter and pot—terra cotta, ceramic, wood, metal, and in every size," he adds. He also reports that the water breaker is an especially good tool. "It attaches to the hose, and with 400 to 1000 tiny holes, it creates a very gentle spray."

Fountains and garden ornaments of every type, as well as sundials and windchimes, outdoor furniture, including baked aluminum tables and chairs, are all favorite items and in addition, bird seed, feeders, houses, and bird baths are popular year round now.

Mr. Peterson is the landscape specialist at the garden center, and it is a big part of the business. "I was 17 when I did my first landscaping," he recalls. "The landscaping business has really grown over the years. People want knowledgeable help and properly-done work.

"We do all sizes and types of landscapes," he continues. "I especially enjoy doing water gardens. The smallest I ever did was a little fountain flowing into a tub. It was under $100. Water is always popular in the garden, and I believe it should be in every garden. It is very relaxing, with an undertone of tranquility. Also, water gardens that have a pond with fish have no mosquitoes, because the fish eat the mosquito larva.

"We do unique landscape designs, including designing and installing hardscapes, such as walks, patios, etc. They can be complex, elaborate, or simple, and they are all high quality."

FAMILY FOCUS: "This is a real family business. With my daughter Liz, my son Charles III, my wife Linda, and grandson Casey, there are five of us Petersons!" Charles Peterson, Jr. (center), is shown with daughter Liz and son Charles, in the green house of Peterson's Landscape & Nursery.

Japanese Garden

Customers at Peterson's always enjoy a walk through the Japanese garden, which Mr. Peterson created. Ponds, winding pathways, a profusion of flowers and trees, as well as benches, and a gazebo, are featured.

He is justifiably proud of the longevity of his business, and he enjoys reminiscing about days past, as well as looking forward to the future. Peterson's customers have included quite a few celebrities, he reports. "They often came when they were appearing at McCarter Theatre or to see their kids in school," he explains.

"Jimmy Cagney, Pat O'Brien, Phil Silvers, Joe Dimaggio and Marilyn Monroe, among others, were here. Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward wanted the biggest pumpkin we had. Imelda Marcos, first lady of the Philippines, was here several times, and we took care of her property when her daughter was in school here. Even Einstein visited!

"The business continues to grow every year, and customers appreciate our special quality and service, and our very knowledgeable staff," he points out. "It is truly a family business. My daughter Liz and son Charlie are actually the owners now, and extremely knowledgeable and talented. Liz started helping when she was a little girl, transplanting when she was seven or eight. She could transplant rings around anyone else, and she is now responsible for all our displays.

"Charlie, a graduate of the University of Vermont, with a degree in business, is an excellent designer. And he knows plant material backwards and forwards. I am glad to have my children in the business, and I look forward to helping them to maintain the same quality and service Peterson's has always been famous for."

In addition to his work as Peterson's landscape specialist, Mr. Peterson keeps busy writing a garden column for The Times of Trenton (which he has done for nearly 20 years).

He does look forward to a little time off, he says, "getting up to my cabin in the Poconos right next to a trout stream, and also to my beach house at the shore for a bit of relaxation."

Peterson's many customers can be sure that his heart is never far from the business he founded, however, and that he will continue to offer his knowledge and experience to Princeton gardeners.

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Certified Mail? Post Office Instead Delivers Certifiable Incompetence

To the Editor:

I suppose many Americans did what I did last month, namely file income tax returns by Certified Mail. After all, "certified" has a nice ring to it and one can, in principle, follow the delivery on the Internet, even print proof of delivery right from the Net.

I filed my returns on April 3 and became concerned when my State tax hadn't reached Trenton one week later. I returned to the Pennington Post Office to inquire about this. The lady behind the counter gave me some nonsense about "lots of mail going to the tax office with many large boxes of unopened mail." When I pointed out that certified mail was supposed to let me know when the Postal Service had delivered my letter, and not when it had been read, she told me that I could, in any case, not do anything until 14 days after the mailing.

I returned two weeks later since my return had still not reached Trenton. This time I was told that the Post Office could only confirm that my letter had left Pennington, but couldn't tell me where it was. Dissatisfied with this answer, I spoke to two more levels of Post Office management, but they only confirmed that my letter had evidently — probably? — left the Pennington office and could not be traced. They suggested I call the Trenton Post Office in case they could help.

They could not help, of course, since my letter would never have transited there. Trenton suggested I call the Postal Processing Center. My phone calls there were answered by a recording of a woman who stated that her working hours were from 11:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.; she never returned my messages. I tried a few times to call her at midnight but again got the same recorded message.

I then contacted the Post Master General via e-mail ("Contact us") and received a form reply that I would hear within two days. Indeed, I received a phone call from the Pennington Postmaster who explained that the woman at the Processing Center supervises some 1000 workers on the graveyard shift and is never in the office to answer her phone. "She couldn't have done anything anyhow," he added. My letter might be lost or it might have been delivered; in any case it remained my problem.

My attempts to reach a human being at the Tax Office, of course, also failed totally. Any day now I expect a registered letter from the Tax Office asking me to pay a heavy fine for late filing. So much for "certified mail"!

JOHN A. VAN RAALTE
Elm Ridge Road

Article on Kurt Godel Evokes Memory About Mathematician's Voting Record

To the Editor:

Your recognition of the life of logician Kurt Godel (Town Topics, April 26) brought back a memory of the election of 1974. My late husband, William Cherry, served for many years as the Republican County Committeeman for District Four of Princeton Township, which included Linden Lane. Bill, a physicist, was pleased that we had such a distinguished scholar as a voter.

The 1974 election was the first after reapportionment moved the Princetons from the 4th to the 5th Congressional District. Professor Godel was distressed that he could not find the name of Congressman Frank Thompson (of the 4th District). Bill tried to explain the reasoning behind reapportionment (one man, one vote), which brought little comfort, and Prof. Godel left without casting any vote.

PATRICIA N. CHERRY
Skillman

Advocate for Hispanic Immigrants Clarifies Remark on Local Employers

To the Editor:

I feel I need to clarify my comments about the impact of the May 1 "Day Without Immigrants" campaign as quoted in your article ("Immigrant Boycott Hits Home," Town Topics, May 3). Although I was correctly quoted, I am concerned that the tongue-in-cheek use of the stereotypical term "greedy employers" could lead to misinterpretation by some readers. It was not my intent to point the finger at local employers who, in my experience, and with few exceptions, are trying to do the right thing by their employees. Neither the employers nor immigrant workers are to be blamed for wanting to engage in an otherwise perfectly legitimate activity in a free-market economy. The current state of affairs can only be remedied by comprehensive federal immigration reform; one that is fair, humane, and realistic.

MARIA (CHARO) JUEGA
Latin American Legal Defense & Education Fund

Candidate for Township Committee Calls for Balance With 'McMansion' Issue

To the Editor:

My campaign for Princeton Township Committee has focused on three principles: encouraging community involvement, fiscal discipline and preserving the character of our town. The recent concerns voiced by residents over the construction of a super-sized house in the Littlebrook area compelled me to share my thoughts as we seek fresh ideas in dealing with this complex issue.

Enhancing and preserving our neighborhoods is important. It is one method by which we can promote diversity in our town. If over-scaled residences continue to proliferate in neighborhoods where 2000 square foot homes represent the present norm, we will sacrifice the character of that neighborhood and reduce options for our senior citizens and young families. Compared to the steroid enhanced "McMansion" homes, these existing modest sized homes offer practical and affordable options for sensible living in our community.

Some municipalities in Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, California and others are experimenting with "Neighborhood Conservation Districts" (NCDs). NCDs are a zoning tool that can help municipalities preserve the character of their neighborhoods. They are administered by zoning regulations where an overlay zone is tailored to a specific district or neighborhood. NCDs are especially appropriate for neighborhoods that may not yet qualify for historic district designation. They are not as cumbersome to administer as historic districts and they allow for more specific customization to each neighborhood.

Finding balance on this issue should be our goal. It is important to preserve the quality of our existing neighborhoods and it is important to allow for the repair and reconstruction of housing stock that is obsolete. Neighborhood Conservation Districts will not prevent change, demolition or the construction of new homes but they have allowed local governments to enhance and preserve neighborhood character.

To be clear, I am not saying that this is the only solution—it is but one idea. I recommend that we have an open public forum to seek a balanced approach on this issue. If I am elected to Township Committee, I will work for reasonable and effective solutions to local issues that concern us all. I hope I can count on your support in the June 6th Democratic Primary.

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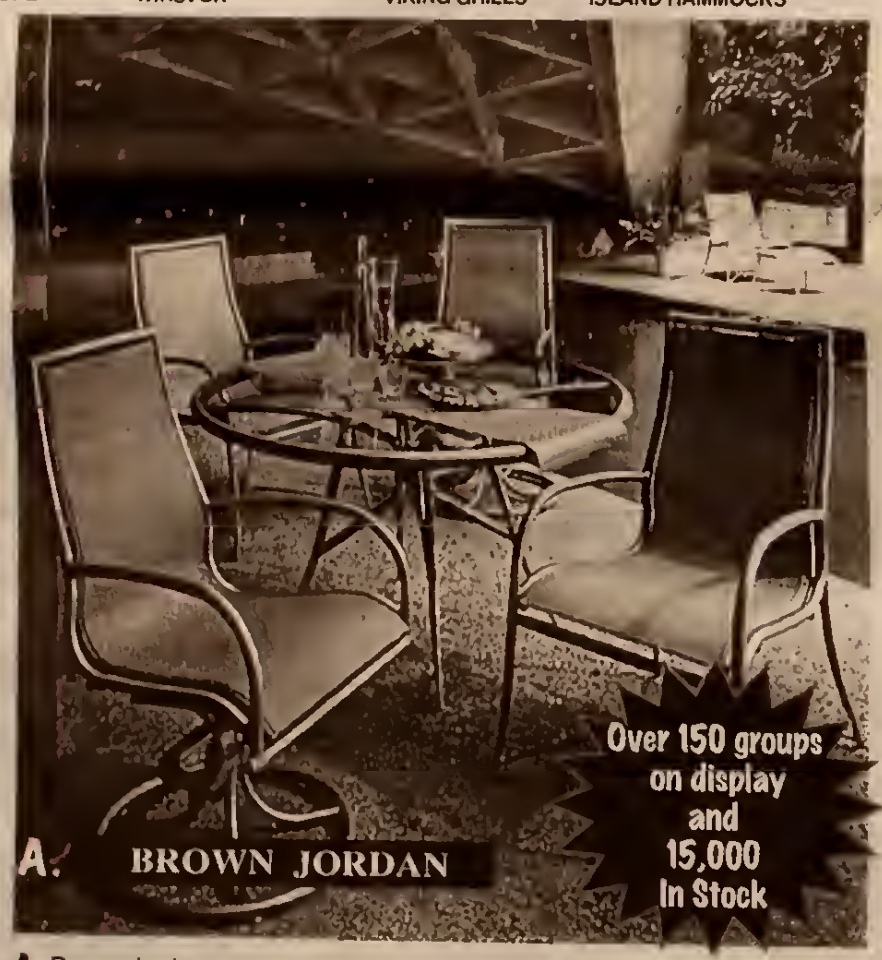

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"Best Communiversity to Date" Earns Arts Council's Thanks to All Involved

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Arts Council of Princeton, I want to thank everyone, including our more than 18,000 visitors, who helped to make Communiversity 2006 such a spectacular event on a beautiful day. We had the best Communiversity to date, enhanced by the beautiful weather. When the Arts Council and the Princeton University undergraduates plan Communiversity each year, we envision a town meets gown event with something for everyone: diverse music and dance, engaging children's activities, and outstanding artistry, food, and nonprofit organizations. I would like to thank all of the Arts Council staff and volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the Arts Council's activity area a success.

This day could not have happened without the following groups and individuals: all of the artists, crafters, local merchants, nonprofits, volunteers, and performers; our staff and board; University students; our event planners, kma events; and all of our corporate sponsors: Bristol-Myers Squibb, Tyco, Miele, The Princeton Shopping Center, The Times, Triumph Brewing Company, Commerce Bank, JPMorgan Chase Bank, PNC Bank, Henderson Sotheby's International Realty, Starbucks Coffee Company, Bank of America, McCaffrey's, and Nassau Street Seafood & Produce Company.

MICHAEL LARICCIA
Program Coordinator
Arts Council of Princeton

Developer's Senior Housing Bid Seen As "Potential Environmental Disaster"

To the Editor:

It is encouraging to see the increased public awareness of the environmental damage that will be incurred by the Township if the zoning variance requested by Morgan Estates is granted, to develop high density apartments on the ridge adjacent to Bunn Drive.

Two excellent letters appeared in the May 3 Town Topics, and there have been increased numbers of the public attending the zoning board meetings, in support of legal efforts to get the request denied.

The New York Times had an excellent article about three months ago regarding the schemes that developers in New Jersey use, now that almost all of the land zoned for development has been built out.

They select property where they think that they can get a zoning variance, and take an option on the property. They then hope for the following:

1. A local zoning board that can be overwhelmed with an elaborate graphic presentation.
2. An absence of an active environmental advocacy to oppose development.
3. Local citizens who aren't aware of or concerned about the variance that is requested.

Here, fortunately, Morgan Estates has run up against the following, in attempting to get a zoning variance:

1. A zoning board that is very alert, and asking the right questions.
2. An environmental commission that has done its homework, and is adamantly opposed to destroying 250-year-old trees to make way for a high density apartment development.
3. A Township engineer who refuses to be bowled over by a slick graphic presentation.
4. An increasing number of residents from Bertrand to Harry's Brook, who realize that more flooding of their property will result from the requested variance.

Morgan Estates has attempted to create the myth that this is senior citizen housing. Age restriction is simply a transparent ploy that they are using to attempt to develop high density, high priced apartments where none are needed.

Their tactics have almost reached the point of a filibuster, in an attempt to wear the zoning board down. Their first witness on April 26 essentially presented, "I don't know the answer, I'm only pinch hitting," or "We'll have to get back to you with an answer."

We need to stay vigilant and united to attempt to defeat this potential environmental disaster.

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Hudson Review Archives Go to University Library

The archives of The Hudson Review, one of the most distinguished and influential American literary magazines, will permanently reside in the Princeton University Library.

Paula Deitz, editor of the quarterly publication, has chosen the library's Department of Rare Books and Special Collections to house the archives, which include hundreds of cartons filled with authors' files, corrected manuscripts, and other original materials documenting the history of the magazine from its founding in 1948 to the present.

"The extensive correspondence files alone hold immense research value for generations of literary scholars," said Don Skemer, curator of manuscripts in the library. "This is one of our most significant acquisitions in decades."

The Hudson Review was founded in New York City by three Princeton graduates — Frederick Morgan '43, Joseph D. Bennett '43, and William Arrowsmith '45, who had studied creative writing with the poet and critic Allen Tate and worked on the Nassau Literary Magazine. Their intent was to create a "little magazine" dedicated to publishing good poetry and prose, including short fiction, criticism, and other works of renowned and unknown writers.

Among the writers represented are Saul Bellow, Isaiah Berlin, R.P. Blackmur, Hayden Carruth, T.S. Eliot, Galway Kinnell, Thomas Mann, James Merrill, W.S. Merwin, Marianne Moore, Octavio Paz, Yannis Ritsos, Theodore Roethke, Anne Sexton, Wallace Stevens, Allen Tate, Dylan Thomas, Paul Valéry, and William Carlos Williams.

The founders took pride in judging contributions on the basis of their individual merits and not being bound by any ideology. In introducing the first issue in 1948, the editors declared that the magazine "must alike condemn the opportunism that seizes upon the ephemera of a culture, and the pedantry that would starve its roots."

The magazine has grown to serve as a forum for the work of new writers and for the exploration of new developments in literature and the arts. It has a distinguished record of publishing little-known or undiscovered writers, many of whom have become major literary figures.

Joyce Carol Oates, the Roger S. Berlind '52 Professor in the Humanities at Princeton, recently observed: "Like the Paris Review, Antaeus, and Kenyon Review, and very few others, Hudson Review is a literary magazine that has helped to shape American literature of the 20th century."

Mr. Morgan, who died in 2004, guided The Hudson Review for its first decades, stepping down on its 50th anniversary in 1998. He was succeeded by Ms. Deitz, who was his wife.

Particularly important, according to Mr. Skemer, are The Hudson Review files pertaining to Ezra Pound during the 1950s. The files include Pound's corrected typescripts for *Cantos 85-89* and *Cantos 96-97* and a corrected typescript of his translation of Sophocles's *Women of Trachis*, along with 215 letters, notes and cards written by Pound, mainly to Frederick Morgan, from the late 1940s to the late 1950s.

The archives of The Hudson Review join the other significant research holdings on publishing history in the Princeton University Library, including the archives of Charles Scribner and Sons, with files on F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Edith Wharton, Thomas Wolfe, and some 2,500 other authors. Largely complete as well are the archives of Henry Holt & Co., John Day Co., Derrydale Press, Story, and the Quarterly Review of Literature.

Also at Princeton are selected archives of Doubleday, Harper & Brothers, G.P. Putnam, and Princeton University Press. These are supplemented by the records of literary agencies such as Harold Ober Associates, the papers of prominent literary editors such as Saxe Commins (Random House) and Harold Loeb (Broom).

The acquisition of The Hudson Review archives and Morgan papers was made possible in part by the Richard M. Ludwig Endowment, established in 2001 by Michael Spence, a member of the class of 1966, and Monica Spence. It is anticipated that the archives and papers will be fully organized and ready for researchers by summer 2007.

THEN AND NOW: Volume 1, Number 1 of The Hudson Review, published in spring 1948, is pictured at left, along with the 55th anniversary issue published in spring 2003. *(Photo by Denise Applewhite)*

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Lawrenceville resident Bonnie Rozanski, author of the novel, *Bonano Kiss*, will appear at Princeton Public Library on May 16 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the library's Caroline Llewellyn Champlin Writers Talking Series.

Bonnie Rozanski

Ms. Rozanski will read from *Bonano Kiss*, a comic romance about a love affair between a schizophrenic and a manic depressive who meet in a psychiatric institution. The novel is told through the eyes of the schizophrenic, Robin Farber, who creates a quantum theory-world where matter pops in and out of existence and where she is God. It is a world where the disembodied voices Robin hears are more real than the people who stand in front of her.

The Toronto Globe and Mail described *Banana Kiss* as "powerful, compelling storytelling and a unique reading experience."

Married to Rider University President Mordechai Rozanski, the author has degrees in psychology, business, and computer science and has written several novels and award-winning plays.

A question-and-answer session will follow the reading and copies of *Banono Kiss* will be available for purchase and signing.

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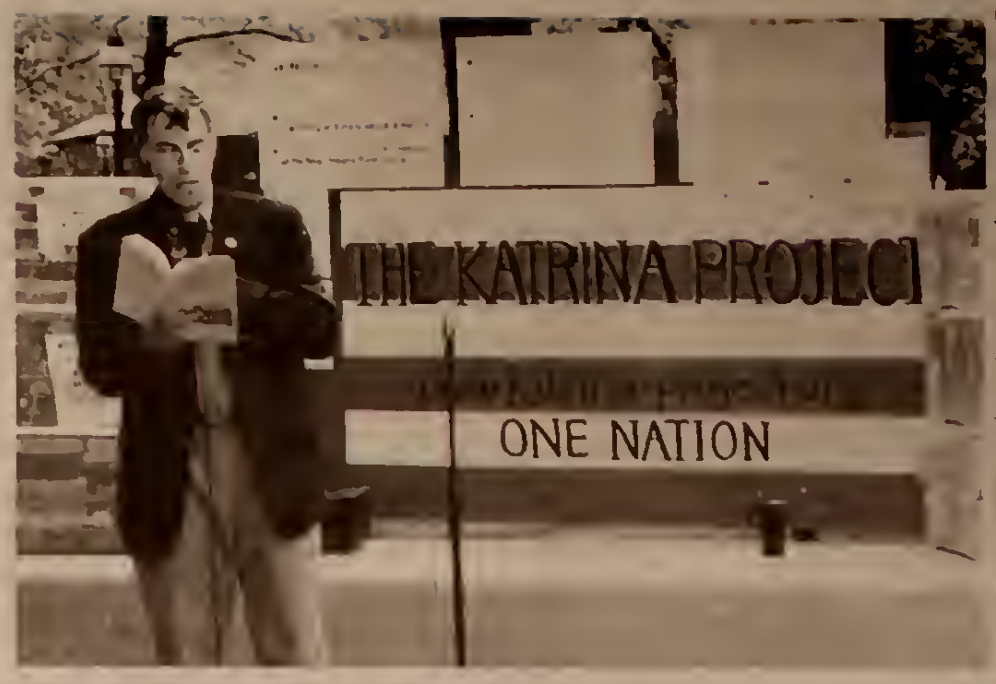
For more information on library programs and services, visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

Cranbury Author's Book Wins "Dr. Toy" Award

A new picture book written by Cranbury resident Eileen Kennedy-Moore and published by Seattle's Parenting Press, *What About Me? 12 Ways to Get Your Parents' Attention (Without Hitting Your Sister)*, has been selected as one of the Best Smart Play/Smart Toy Products for 2006 by the San Francisco-based Institute for Childhood Resources and its founder, "Dr. Toy," Stevanne Auerbach.

Ms. Kennedy-Moore is a clinical psychologist with a practice in Princeton. The book is based in part on her experiences with her own four children. For more information, see www.ParentingPress.com.

Established in 1975, the Institute issues "Product of Excellence" awards and Dr. Auerbach creates the Dr. Toy's Smart Play/Smart Toys guide. For more information, see www.drtoy.com/main/index.html.



AT THE BOOK LEVEE: U.S. Congressman Rush Holt (D - 12) did his part for the "Levee for Life" project last Friday on Firestone plaza by making a donation to the New Orleans Public Library and reading passages from a favorite book (*Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold). He also spoke about the federal response to Hurricane Katrina. So far students have placed more 1600 books in the levee, representing a sum of more than $14,000. Since May 1, students have been conducting continuous readings in front of the levee; the readings are being broadcast live over the internet at www.katrina-project.org. "Book bricks" can be purchased for $8.95 at www.Powells.com/katrina. Princeton students add a library discard to the levee each time a book brick is purchased. Every pledge is delivered to the NOPL Founadation.

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Wednesday, May 10

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. For reservations, call (609) 683-0057.

7:30 p.m.: *Ridiculous Fraud*; Berlind Theatre. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton University student recital; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

8 p.m.: *Seussical the Musical*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 11

8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Annual Plant Sale and Garden Boutique; Stuart Country Day School. Also Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

10 a.m.: *Casey at the Bat*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Friday at 10 a.m., Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Noon to 9 p.m.: Human Rights Film Festival; Princeton Public Library. Also Friday from noon to 10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday from noon to 10 p.m.

Friday, May 12

5 to 9 p.m.: Trenton2Nite concert with Wendy Zoffer Trio; Trenton Marriott Hotel.

5:30 to 11 p.m.: Trenton2Nite jazz concert with Wenonah Brooks & Company; Maxine's, 120 South Warren Street.

7 to 10 p.m.: Ping Pong Night for Adults; Plainsboro Municipal Building.

7:30 p.m.: *Tablao Flamenco: A Night of Passion and Culture*; conTEMPORARY Arts Center, Princeton Shopping Center.

7:30 p.m.: New School for Music Study of Kingston Spring Recital; Kingston Presbyterian Church. Also Saturday at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *La Cage aux Folles*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Side By Side By Sondheim*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre. Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton University student recital; Richardson Auditorium. Free.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; War Memorial, Trenton.

8 p.m.: Volces Chorale; Pennington Presbyterian Church.

8 p.m.: *The Will Rogers Follies: A Life in Revue*; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Also Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m.

8 to 10 p.m.: Dance Improv, Live, Movement Workshop; All Saints' Church.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians Jackson Perdue and Bob Dibuono; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 13

6:30 p.m.: "Pops at the Pub" with Rick Fiore Jazz Quartet; Halo Pub, Hulfish Street.

7:30 p.m.: Concert with So Percussion and Trollstilt; Birch Garden, Institute for Advanced Study.

8 p.m.: Jazz concert with Darla Isaacs and Rich Tarpinian; 1860 House Music Café, Montgomery Center for the Arts, Skillman.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Opera Theater's Singer Circle, concert of one-act operas; Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Composers Collective; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Westminster Community Chorus Tenth Anniversary Celebration Concert; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Sunday, May 14

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast; Rocky Hill Fire House, Rocky Hill.

11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.: Estate Park and Nature Tour; Duke Farms, Hillsborough. For reservations call (908) 722-3700.

Noon and 5 p.m.: Darla Rich Quartet; Hopewell Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

8 p.m.: Mephisto Trio; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Monday, May 15
Recycling Pickup

8 p.m.: Princeton University student recital; Taplin Auditorium. Free.

Tuesday, May 16

8 p.m.: Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company; McCarter Theatre.

Wednesday, May 17

7:30 a.m.: Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce "Business Before Business" breakfast meeting, with MarketReach CEO Amanda Puppo; Nassau Club.

7 p.m.: Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton. Also Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Friday at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m., Sunday at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m.

7 p.m.: Screening and panel discussion of Iranian film *The Fifth Reaction*; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: *Ridiculous Fraud*; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Seussical the Musical*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 18

11:30 a.m.: Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting with Gary D. Rose, Chief, Governor's Office of Economic Growth; Hyatt Regency Princeton.

12:15 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory at Nassau with pianist Eunju Joung; Niles Chapel, Nassau Presbyterian Church. Free.

4 to 8 p.m.: Passport to the Princeton Region Convention and Visitors Bureau Trade Fair; Rider University Recreation Center, Lawrenceville.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board of Princeton; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory benefit concert; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Friday, May 19

10 a.m. and 5 p.m.: *The Big Comfy Couch*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

7:30 p.m.: Masters of Percussion with Zakir Hussain; McCarter Theatre.

7:30 p.m.: Unquiet Fridays concert with Latin jazz guitarist Arturo Romay; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: *La Cage aux Folles*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Lecture, "How the Environment is a Key to Peace in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict," with Israeli Rabbi Michael Cohen; Jewish Center of Princeton.

8:15 p.m.: Princeton Folk Music Society concert with singer-songwriters Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen; Christ Congregation Church.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians Bryan Kellen and Steve Lazarus; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 10 – Wednesday, May 17

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Wednesday, May 10:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
2:00 p.m. Group Drumming; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:30 p.m. Children of Aging Parents; SPB.
4:45 p.m. Memoirs; SC.
Thursday, May 11:
9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too!; RC.
1:00 p.m. Art with Hannah; SPB.
4:00 p.m. PSRC Student Art Show Opening; SPB.
Friday, May 12:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Senior Citizen Club Meeting; SPB.
Monday, May 15:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:00 p.m. Bereavement; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.
Tuesday, May 16:
9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure; RC.
9:30 a.m. Photo ID's; SPB.
10:00 a.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
12:30 p.m. Digital Photography; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Literature; SC.
2:00 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.
Wednesday, May 17:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure; SC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
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4:45 p.m. Memoirs.

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Morven Discovers a Spirited American Artist

A funny thing happened to me at Morven Museum and Garden's first ever art exhibit, "Capturing the Spirit: Virginia Snedeker and the American Scene." I did and didn't see the most interesting painting in the show, a self-portrait, tempera on panel, from 1938. And to be honest, it is and isn't in the show. Like the two other Snedeker self-portraits on view on Morven's second floor, it radiates intelligence, determination, and character. For me, this is the "spirit" being captured in paintings so vivid with the artist's presence that you feel you've walked into her Greenwich Village studio 70 years ago and are watching her at work.

My reaction to the image accompanying this review has itself been a work in progress. Although I had spent well over an hour with the exhibit, what attracted most of my attention was the art Virginia Snedeker did for the New Yorker, which has been informatively and imaginatively arranged by curator Anne Gossen. Later, when I saw this mysterious self-portrait online, I didn't have a clear sense of having actually encountered it. So I went back to Morven for a second look and discovered why I was being haunted by a painting I couldn't remember seeing. The actual work wasn't there; instead, a reproduction was displayed in the room documenting the artist's relationship with the New Yorker. According to Ms. Gossen, the actual painting had to be held back because of the time and expense that would have been required to refurbish it.

Looking beyond the design and execution, the subtle pastel colors and flesh tones, the pose, and the odd placement of the hands, you find yourself in a Mona Lisa moment. What is this person thinking about? She looks more like a girl up past her bedtime than a woman of 29 (she was born in 1909). What is it in her expression that makes you wonder if she's as lost and vulnerable as she appears to be? At the same time, the pose is structured in a way that suggests she might be deliberately mirroring an image out of the work of an old master, perhaps that of a martyr submitting to her fate. And what's she wearing? An artist's smock, of course, since she has three paint brushes in her hands. Yet she seems not to know she's holding them. It's as though someone had inserted them at odd angles in the still-life formed by her hands. Placed one above the other, pointing in different directions, the hands are like a detail waiting to be extracted and studied, a painting within the painting. Look at her eyes in relation to her hands and you can imagine that her thoughts could be compared to the either/or placement of her hands. You could imagine that she's either haunted by a memory or looking toward some impending, life-changing event. It's 1938, World War II is looming, and less than a year later she will do a New Yorker cover fraught with the evils already taking place in the world outside the Bohemian enclave of Greenwich Village.

I know, I'm reading too much into it. But it's a painting that asks to be read. Why not go even farther then? In view of what we know of her life after 1938, let's say that this is a portrait of an artist sounding herself and coming up with intimations of war, marriage, an interrupted career, children, the dream of art giving way to the reality of domestic life and motherhood. This is what happened. She married in 1942; her husband, fellow artist William Lindsay Taylor, went to war; and she went to work in an aircraft plant. He came back, they had children, and the last dated painting in the show tells the story: a portrait of her little girl done in 1949, with this note: "She was never quite happy with the result" because she was "constrained by interrupted work sessions."

You know what that means.

WHAT IS SHE THINKING?: Painted in 1938 when she was 29, Virginia Snedeker's self-portrait is a painting that asks to be read. It also is in need of some restoration, which is why we have to make do with a copy of it at Morven's first art exhibit, "Capturing the Spirit: Virginia Snedeker and the American Scene," currently on view at Morven Museum, 55 Stockton St., Princeton. Curator Anne Gossen is completing a catalogue that should be available well before the exhibit closes on November 26. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Also on view: "A Place to Take Root: The History of Flowerpots and Garden Containers in North America," through May 28. For information, call (609) 924-8144.

I was once close to two artists of Snedeker's generation, both, like her and her husband, students of Kenneth Hayes Miller, both WPA muralists. Both these painters lived and died according to the cardinal rule that their art must come first. One of them avoided "interrupted work sessions" by never having children. The other had a child she loved but without ever relinquishing her death-grip on her art. She produced wonderful work, achieved serious recognition in spite of painting in the unfashionable "urban realist" mode, but on the domestic level, she suffered and so did her only child.

Kids at Play

On my first visit to the exhibit, it was, again, Snedeker's vignettes for the New Yorker, termed "spot art," and her New Yorker covers, that appealed to me more than her oil paintings. She had a knack for capturing a broad spectrum of humorous human attitudes and situations, especially in the context of the city, which explains why the editors of the magazine put her under contract. Her gift for this sort of quick study is evident in *After School* (1935), one of her most accomplished paintings. With its clarity and smooth, clean lines, it's also the work that most clearly reveals Kenneth Hayes Miller's influence. What makes it stand out is the way she's able to portray the simultaneity of all these clusters of human action without crowding the canvas: kids at play, kids at war, hopscotch, rollerskating, girls gossiping, boys fighting with fists, or sword and shields. A baseball game is in progress while boys on another side of the playground are getting ready to play ball, too. The whole scene is nicely structured, the stanchions of the El giving it a framework, the playground a grey area between a predominantly beige fore and background. All these self-contained little dramas are taking place with plenty of space between each one. Again, you can see what would have translated nicely into New Yorker art. In fact, this would have made an excellent cover.

The New Yorker Work

Virginia Snedeker's spot and cover art for the New Yorker could sustain an interesting exhibit all by itself. Ms. Gossen has done a first-rate job of laying out the evidence for anyone who wants to see how things worked between the magazine and its artists. Of particular interest is the 1944 letter sent to all artists concerning cover art relating to the Fourth of July; the editors suggested something "frankly patriotic this year," specifying a visual play on the idea of the "fireworks quality" of a "night battle," as long as the notion of war was not trivialized.

The three Snedeker cover illustrations that were actually used are on view, both as she submitted them and as they appeared in the issues of June 10, 1939, February 3, 1940, and May 17, 1941. Also displayed are a number of others that were submitted and rejected. All three of the ones that were used reflect the world of an artist: one takes place in an art gallery, another in a post office where a WPA artist is painting a mural (as she herself would do in the Audubon, Iowa post office), but the most interesting is the one for June 10, 1939, that shows a grim-faced man and woman carrying a huge, horrific painting on their way to display it in the Greenwich Village outdoor art show and sale. The painting is like a nightmare cartoon of people enslaved, persecuted, begging for mercy; women and children fleeing the firestorm of war; figures shrouded in black bowing before crosses in a graveyard; a boa constrictor covered with swastikas; a fat, top-hatted capitalist with a bag of money in one hand and a whip in the other; a black man in chains; and along for the ride: Hitler, Mussolini, Franco, Hirohito, and, apart from the others, Josef Stalin, who remains aloof since, according to the posted commentary, the artists carrying the painting are meant to be Bolsheviks. Today, politically themed New Yorker covers are common, but not in 1939. Virginia Snedeker's ambitious work marks the magazine's first presentation of cover art containing recognizable caricatures of public figures.

How admirable, and how extraordinary, that this painter could compose the subtle, gentle, mysterious image of herself reproduced on this page virtually the same year she had the range, strength of character, and vision to create, submit, and sell the New Yorker a vision at once satirical and passionately political, and yet open to the local color of tenement fire escapes, water towers, and the outdoor art show where a mousy, bespectacled female artist is all but falling off her chair as she observes this massive image of hell dwarfing her neatly hung little water colors of flowers and sail boats.

When you go to the exhibit, you might want to spend some time face to face with the portrait of Virginia Snedeker's great-great-great-great grandmother, Annis Boudinot Stockton, who gave Morven its name. Here were two spirited, creative, lovely women, one who expressed herself in painting, the other in poetry.

—Stuart Mitchner

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FLYING COLORS: Tim Lefens will read from his book *Flying Colors* (Beacon Press) at 7 p.m. during the opening reception for "In the Beginning," which will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 in the A.R.T.space gallery at 53 Hulfish Street in Princeton.

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A.R.T.space Gallery Celebrates 10 Years

A.R.T.space Gallery will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an exhibition, "In The Beginning," featuring the first paintings created using A.R.T.'s revolutionary techniques.

An opening reception will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 with a short talk at 7 p.m. The opening of "In the Beginning" will feature a short talk by A.R.T. founder, artist Tim Lefens, who will read from his book, *Flying Colors* (Beacon Press). Awarded Reader's Digest's Today's Best Nonfiction and the N.J. Council for the Humanities Book Award, the book, which includes an account of the first day of the first program, was recently published in China, with an excerpted version appearing in the best-seller *Me to We* featuring Oprah Winfrey, Bishop Desmond Tutu, and Dr. Jane Goodall.

Helped by a seed grant from artist Roy Lichtenstein, the small band of A.R.T. staff moved forward in spite of resistance in the "disabilities" world, establishing studio art programs, first in New Jersey and later at sites across the country.

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"I'm just amazed at what Tim's been able to do," said Christine Todd Whitman, host of A.R.T.space Gallery's premiere exhibition, "it's really incredible."

Allied with Princeton University, A.R.T.'s flagship studio program is located at 185 Nassau Street, home of the university's Program in Visual Arts.

A.R.T.'s goal is to launch new programs around the country from their Princeton platform. "Being associated with the university has opened the doors to many sites that were closed to us before," said A.R.T. board member Ivan Becker.

Other Board members attracted by A.R.T.'s mission include rocker Neil Young, actor Willem Dafoe, Pulitzer Prize winning author John McPhee, and Professor Emeritus Princeton Sam Hunter. A.R.T.space gallery is supported by The Kessler Foundation and Palmer Square Inc. A.R.T.'s studio program is supported by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Princeton University.

Located at 53 Hulfish Street among the shops of Palmer Square in Princeton, A.R.T.space Gallery is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, and noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday. For more information, call (609) 924-0143 or visit www.artrealization.org.

The exhibition and reception are free and are open to the public. "In The Beginning" will run from May 13 through June 23, 2006.

STUDIO SESSION: A.R.T. founder and executive director, Tim Lefens, sits in during a studio session with artists working at A.R.T.'s site within Princeton University's Program in Visual Arts at 185 Nassau Street.

Montgomery Center Hosts Art Auction, Wine Tasting

The Montgomery Center for the Arts (MCA) will be holding its annual Spring Benefit Art Auction and Food and Wine Tasting at the 1860 House on Friday evening, May 19, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The public is welcome to call and order reserved tickets now. Many of the Princeton/Montgomery area's most important artists are donating art for a Silent Auction to benefit MCA's education programs.

Silent bidding opened with a reception at the 1860 House featuring a special chamber music performance by the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra.

According to MCA president Charles Rojer, "We are delighted with the bountiful response from the community for this important fundraising event." He added that "guests will have the opportunity to sample over 200 wines and taste a wide range of gourmet appetizers and desserts from some of the area's finest local purveyors including Tillie's Kitchen, Lucy's Ravioli, Tiger's Tale, Whole Foods, Tokyo Sushi, and many others."

MCA's co-host for the event, Towne Wine & Liquor, is providing an array of wines and sommeliers. PNC Bank is the event sponsor, and Montgomery Township is sponsoring the Art Auction.

Original artwork by Lucy McVicker, Marsha Levin-Rojer, Maggi Johnson, Alice Sims Gunzenhauser, Lore Lindenfeld and numerous others will be on display and for sale. Bidding concludes with winners being announced at the Spring Art Auction/Food and Wine Tasting. Advance tickets are required.

According to Frances Chaves, MCA's Executive Director, "the Art Auction will benefit MCA's Education Programs, which include adult evening art classes taught by practicing artists in live portraiture, photography, weaving, sculpture, and many other media, as well as MCA's renowned Summer Arts Enrichment Program, now celebrating it's 10th Anniversary, with half and full day summer art camp programs in puppetry, crafts, collage, drawing, acting, music and storytelling, among other creative expressions for children."

Ms. Chaves is excited about the many new programs in development for MCA. She became executive director almost two years ago after an illustrative history in arts programming that included running the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) summer program in France, Aspen's Andersen Ranch summer arts program for over 1,000 students, and developing a museum training program at The Metropolitan Museum of Art for college student interns.

Advance tickets for the Art Auction/Food and Wine Tasting event are $40 for members/$50 for non-members. Tickets at the door are $50 for members/$60 for non-members, with all tickets being 100 percent tax deductible. For the first time, MCA is offering a special door prize: a Limited Edition print by Lucy Graves McVicker. The first 60 guests to purchase tickets will receive a free commemorative stein. Admission is limited and by ticket only. To order tickets, please call MCA's offices at (609) 921-3272.

The 1860 House is located at 124 Montgomery Road in Skillman.

"MY VALENTINE": This work by California artist Hessam illustrates his favorite theme, of happy lovers, and will be on exhibit through May 28 at the Howard Mann Art Center in Lambertville.

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THE DANCE OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT: These tiled mosaic murals by Wendell Brooks, master printmaker and Professor of Art at The College of New Jersey, were recently installed at the Ambulatory Center of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark. He worked with mosaic tile artist, Steve Miotto, designing the mural images that Mr. Miotto rendered in Italian tile.

"WE SEE THE NIGHT": Eugene Gladston's mixed media creation will be on view through May 31 at Buck's Ice Cream and Espresso Bar in Lambertville.

Wendell Brooks Mosaics Installed at UMDNJ Newark

Five tiled mosaic murals by master-printmaker and Professor of Art at The College of New Jersey Wendell Brooks were recently installed at the Ambulatory Center of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark.

According to Mr. Brooks, the mosaics represent "the triumph of the human spirit." He was selected by the New Jersey State Council of Arts for a commission to create five grand mosaic tile murals for permanent installation at the Center. Working with the mosaic tile artist, Steve Miotto, he designed the mural images that were rendered in Italian tile by Miotto.

The three 4' x 8' mosaic murals installed at the entry to the facility reflect Mr. Brooks's roots and his love of African art. Placed high above another entry is a 4' x 8' mosaic mural in tones of blues and greens, filled with a large silhouette figure entwined with all of nature, "the oneness of life." A 4' x 15' mosaic mural in shades of reds and corals spans two floors of the building.

The images interwoven into the UMDNJ murals also reflect to the artist's own story, his personal triumph over both internal and external obstacles.

Born black in Alabama before the civil rights movement, Wendell Brooks maintained his self-esteem through the creation, exhibition, and sale of his art. "My father was an optimistic visionary who didn't look at the mountain, he looked at himself on the other side," the artist said. "Like my father, I have fought to hold onto my vision, and through hard work and the ability to visualize, I have been able to realize my dreams. I have dedicated three decades of my life to my truest passions: printmaking and teaching, and am deeply grateful."

Mr. Brooks received his MFA in printmaking from Indiana University and has been a Professor of Art for 35 years. During this time he has received many fellowships, scholarships, and grants, including the Woodrow Wilson/Martin Luther King Jr. Fellowship, Trenton State College grants, and a Grant Award from the Smithsonian Institute-National Museum of Art. He has also been an active speaker and fecturer, as well as being the subject of numerous television interviews. He has exhibited widely in numerous solo and group shows, including, among others, the Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper, Mason Gross School of the Arts; the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton; the Smithsonian Institute, National Museum of American Art, Washington, DC; and Center For Contemporary Art, Newark. His works are also in many permanent collections, from the New Jersey State Museum to the Library of Congress.

The Ambulatory Center of UMDNJ is located at 90 Bergen Street in Newark.

Art by Local Siblings To Be Exhibited at UMCP

An art exhibition by local siblings Jennifer and Eric Hamel will open at the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) with a wine and cheese reception from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, May 19.

Brother and sister were both born at Princeton Hospital (now UMCP) and grew up in town. Jennifer Hamel graduated from Princeton Day School in 1979 and Ithaca College in 1984. She has studied with Mike Madigan (Art Works) and Karen McLean Peterson (Highland Studios), as well as doing work in ceramics with Connie McIndoe. Her paintings and ceramics have been shown at River Run Gallery. She had her own show in April 2005 at Maresca's in Sergeantsville, where she currently works as the prepared food chef.

Eric Hamel graduated from St. Mark's School in 1982 and Columbia University in 1986. His watercolors and pen & ink drawings have been shown in numerous Long Island venues. He has also privately published two books of poetry and drawings under his own imprint (Briarwood Editions).

The exhibit is sponsored by the Auxiliary of University Medical Center at Princeton, with the proceeds going to support the immediate care provided to heart attack patients in the Emergency Department at UMCP. The Auxiliary's gift will also underwrite the purchase of defibrillators, which will be placed throughout the hospital. In addition, Auxiliary support will underwrite the 2006 Healthy Heart Program and cardiac screening sessions offered to area residents through the Community Education and Outreach Program and Cardiac Rehabilitation Services.

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AREA EXHIBITS

The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center, located in the Princeton Shopping Center, is presenting a new exhibit featuring the work of Susan Hoenig that will run through May 18.

A.R.T.space Gallery, 53 Huifish Street in Princeton, will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an exhibition, "In The Beginning," featuring the first paintings created using A.R.T.'s revolutionary techniques. An opening reception will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 with a short talk at 7 p.m. by A.R.T. founder, artist Tim Lefens

Buck's Ice Cream and Espresso Bar in Lambertville is hosting "Experiments: Recent Paintings by Eugene Gladston," through May 31.

Coryell Gallery in Lambertville is exhibiting cityscapes and landscapes by Marge Chavooshian and Nancy Silvia for the Annual Spring Exhibition from now through May 28. The gallery is at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell, is presenting a joint exhibition by two Gallery 14 members, Tasha O'Neill and Martin Schwartz. The exhibit will run through May 28. The gallery is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment.

Grounds for Sculpture's Toad Hall Shop & Gallery is currently presenting "Driven: Kinetic Sculpture by Jeff Kahn and Rein Triefeldt" through July 15, 2006. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Other exhibits, on view through April 30, are "Menhirs, Dreams, Myths, and Deities," "Balanced Dialogue: 10th Anniversary of the Hungarian Sculptors Society," and the International Sculpture Center's 2005 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Henderson/Sotheby's International Realty at 34 Chambers Street in Princeton is presenting a retrospective of paintings by Gilda K. Aronovic through June 23. Gallery hours are daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Historical Society of Princeton is currently exhibiting, "U.S. Presidents: Famous Faces in Princeton Places," and "The Windmill Turns Slowly: Photographs of the Updike Farm," on view through summer 2006. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-6748.

The Howard Mann Art Center, 45 N. Main Street in Lambertville, is presenting original acrylics, serigraphs., drawings, works on canvas, board and paper by the California artist Hessam through May 28.

The Hunterdon Museum of Art is presenting an exhibit featuring Ilene Sunshine and Bennett Bean. The exhibit will run through June 4. For more information, call (908) 735-8415.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is set to present a new exhibit, "Poetry in Design: The Art of Harry Leith-Ross," from May 12 through October 1, in the Delia Penna Gallery. There is still time to view a major exhibition of works by photographer Ansel Adams, through May 14. "Radical Vision: The Revolution in American Photography," which will be on view through May 28. Two new exhibits: "The Heart of Haiti," which features 20 portraits by Philadelphia-area photographer Andrea Baldeck, will run through July 9. "An Enduring Gift: The Marguerite and Gerry Lenfest Collection," will be on view through July 2. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum is presenting "Piranesi: Architecture of the Eye and Mind" through July 27; "Dialogues: Mexican Modernity," through June 25; "Strange Mr. Satie Comes to the Zimmerli: Children's Book Illustrations by Petra Mathers," through July 16; Soviet Propaganda Posters, Part III, through October 1; "Serialities, Part 2: Repetition and Narrative in Soviet Nonconformist Art," through September 17. "In and Around Dvizhenie (The Movement Group)" will be on view in the Dubrow Galleries through October 8. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. For more information, call (732) 932-7237, ext. 610, or visit www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu.

Morven Museum is presenting "Capturing the Spirit: Virginia Snedeker and the American Scene," its first exhibit of fine art, which will run through November 26.

The Peggy Lewis Gallery at the Lambertville Public Library is presenting "Terra Nova, New Paintings by Diane M. Santarella," which will run through May 17

Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart will be hosting a month-long exhibit of the works of children's book illustrator and Princeton resident, Gennady Spirin. The exhibit, which opened on May 5, is presented in the Library and Gallery of the Manor House at the Academy, 101 Drake's Corner Road in Princeton.

The Princeton Day School is featuring works by sculptors Dana Stewart, Harry Gordon, and Elizabeth McCue in a recently installed sculpture park on the grounds of the main campus. The display will be on view until June 15, 2006. The school is at 650 the Great Road, Princeton.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting a major exhibition, "Mir Iskusstva: Russia's Age of Elegance," which will be on view through June 11. "Worldly Guardians of the Buddhist Law," an exhibition of handscrolls, will be on view at the Princeton University Art Museum through July 9. The exhibition, "Andy Warhol: Electric Chair," will run through June 25.

Riverrun Gallery at 287 South Main Street in the Laceworks in Lambertville is presenting Paul Matthews's exhibit, "Double Portraits — A Retrospective," through May 31.

Small World Coffee in Princeton will be exhibiting the collages of Vicky Culver throughout the month of May.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park and the Trenton Museum Society are presenting the Ellarslie Open XXIV, "The Best of the Best," through June 11.

University League of Princeton at 171 Broadmead will be showing the oil and pastel paintings by Marcia Miller through May 20.

The University Medical Center at Princeton is set to host an art exhibition by local siblings Jennifer and Eric Hamel, which will open with a wine and cheese reception from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, May 19.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Princeton University Orchestra Presents Mahler In Mesmerizing and Compelling Performance

The Princeton University Orchestra closed its season with a towering performance of a complex and imposing work, coupled with a concerto demonstrating the depth of student talent within the music department. Friday night's performance in Richardson Auditorium (the concert was repeated Saturday night) was the 18th in the concert series dedicated to former orchestra member Stuart Mindlin. The central work on the program was Gustav Mahler's *Symphony No. 5*, a piece which would have been a full evening in itself, but conductor Michael Pratt bravely balanced the symphony with Sergei Prokofiev's *Violin Concerto No. 2*, featuring a co-winner of the 2006 Concerto Competition. Both of these works showed the orchestra at its finest, with precision and flexibility.

In Prokofiev's own words, his second violin concerto draws inspiration from a number of geographical places where the composer lived and worked in the early part of the 20th century. This concerto draws from a range of musical styles and harks back to the classical style of the late 18th century. Its concerto technique places the soloist against the orchestra in contrasting meters and playing methods, providing unique orchestration along the way.

Violin soloist Steven Chen, a sophomore at the University, clearly has a great musical future, both at the University and outside. His playing from the outset was rich and sublime, especially exploiting the deep lower tones of the instrument. Mr. Chen played the second theme of the first movement particularly lyrically, and his very quick fingers were put to use in both the first and third movements. Mr. Pratt kept the first movement restrained, with nicely subdued brass blending well into the orchestral color. Orchestra and soloist both handled the changing moods and tempi well, and the melody of the violin against a quartet of winds in the second movement was especially clean.

Mahler's *Symphony No. 5* was the first symphony he completed after he met his wife-to-be, Alma, and the first in a long while not to use the human voice to convey musical concepts. It is the usual Mahler-like mammoth size, with five movements of varying moods and ideas. Like many of Mahler's works, this symphony focuses heavily on brass, and there were a number of brass solos which were exceptional. Trumpeter Brian Nowakowski opened the first movement, leading the way through the well-balanced funeral march. Mr. Pratt kept a subtle Viennese lilt in the music, aided by clean triplets from the solo trumpet and flute. The crescendo in both sections of Part I were well constructed, with a glorious end to the second section, marked "with the greatest vehemence."

Hornist Ellen Duncan was key to the "Scherzo" of the work; her clean and sensitive playing mesmerized the audience and seemed to float through the hall. Very precise percussion accompaniment was provided by Andrew Schran.

Despite all the excellent student solos, another high point of the work was a movement with no solos—the fourth movement "Adagietto." Scored only for strings and harp, this movement was played with lush richness, as the two harpists (Annabelle Bearer and Joanna ShawRuss) were able to show their mettle. The closing "Rondo" included a great many instrumental solos which were well played and well matched with the orchestral fabric.

The Stuart Mindlin Memorial Concerts have now been presented for more than 15 years. During that time scores of students have passed through the orchestra's ranks and the Mindlin children are now grown and on their own. Nonetheless, these concerts remain a staple of the Princeton musical scene and the University Orchestra's season. To the sixteen orchestra members who are graduating this year, Mahler's *Symphony No. 5* will hold its own special memories of a challenging and exhilarating performance.

—Nancy Plum

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YOUTHFUL CLASSICISTS: The Mephisto Trio, comprising cellist Alan Chin, pianist Joshua Suslak, and violinist Evan Shieh, all chamber music students of Rita Shklar (right) at Westminster Conservatory of Music, will present a recital in Westminster Choir College's Bristol Chapel this Sunday, May 14 at 8 p.m. The musicians are students at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South, and Princeton High School, respectively. A free-will offering will be requested at the door to support Westminster's annual fund drive.

Westminster to Present Trio of Young Musicians

The Mephisto Trio, comprising area high school students who are also students of Westminster Conservatory faculty member Rita Shklar, will present a chamber music recital this Sunday, May 14 at 8 p.m. in Westminster's Bristol Chapel. The trio, established in 2003 as part of Westminster's Young Artist Program, was awarded high honors in the 2004 and 2005 New Jersey Music Teachers Association (MTNA) Conference.

The ensemble will perform movements from works by Beethoven, Franck, Shostakovich, Brahms, and Piazzola. The program will also include complete performances of Kreisler's *Morche Minioture Viennoise* and Debussy's *Trio in G Mojor*.

The Trio members are Joshua Suslak, piano, Evan Shieh, violin, and Alan Chin, cello.

Mr. Suslak, 16, is a sophomore at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South. He has won several prestigious competitions including the Steinway Society Scholarship Competition and the American Fine Arts Festival Competition. As a competition winner, he has performed at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall and Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall. He also performs with the school choir and plays saxophone and trombone in its marching band.

Mr. Shieh, also 16, has been playing the violin since he was 4. A Princeton High School junior, he has been concertmaster of the Westminster Youth Chamber Orchestra for three years, and is currently assistant conductor of the Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra of Princeton. In 2001 he won the 2001 Paradise Symphonic Society Young Artist Competition in Paradise, Calif.; in 2002 and 2004 he won the Westminster Conservatory Scholarship Competition. He performed at Carnegie Hall for the 2005 Golden Key Festival.

Mr. Chin, a senior at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North, began his cello studies at the age of six. He was a member of the New Jersey All-State Orchestra 2004 and the Central Jersey Region II Orchestra in 2003, 2004, and 2005. As a winner of the Rising Stars competition in November, he performed as a soloist at the Algonquin Arts Theater. He is currently an assistant principal cellist of the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra and the GPYO Chamber Group.

In addition to serving on the faculty at Westminster Conservatory, Ms. Shklar is an adjunct faculty member at The College of New Jersey and teaches in the Professional Development Certificate Program, Westminster Choir College. She earned a bachelor's degree in music from the Rimsky-Korsakov Musical College of the St. Petersburg Conservatory in Russia and a master's degree from Rutgers University. Her teaching awards include the Cecilian Distinguished Pedagogy Award for outstanding teaching, and certificates of excellence in teaching from the American Concert Alliance and the American Fine Arts Festival.

Admission to the recital will be free; however, a free-will offering will be requested to support Westminster Conservatory's annual fund campaign.

For more information, call Westminster Conservatory at (609) 921-7104.

Girlchoir's Spring Concert To Salute Musical Theatre

The Princeton Girlchoir (PGC) will present its 17th Annual Spring Concert, featuring a celebration of American musical theatre, on Sunday, May 21, at 4 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium.

The first half of the program will offer a mix of traditional American favorites and international classics. Following the intermission, the choirs will pay homage to the American musical theatre with songs from *Carousel*, *Cats*, *the Cotton Club Parade of 1933*, *42nd Street*, *Funny Girl*, *Rent*, *Rosolie*, and *Wicked*. The concert will conclude with *The Lord Bless You ond Keep You* by John Rutter, performed on stage by all choristers and PGC alumnae in attendance.

The Princeton Girlchoir provides girls in grades 3 through 12 with choral education and performance opportunities. Founding director Jan Westrick will lead the Concert Choir and the PGC Ensemble. Associate director Toby Simon will direct the Grace Notes, PGC's introductory choir. Rebecca Elpus will direct the Semi-Tones, PGC's intermediate choir.

Guest performers will be percussionist Linda Docar, violinist Ileana Clumac, and soprano soloist Patricia Phillips. Ms. Phillips is currently starring in the role of Carlotta in the Broadway production of *The Phontom of the Opero*.

Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for students, and may be ordered by calling the Richardson box office at (609) 258-5000.

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AWARD-WINNING MUSIC SCHOOL: As part of the PNC Grow Up Great early childhood education initiative, the PNC Foundation recently awarded the Trenton Community Music School $7,S00 to support its "Music for the Very Young: Music, Movement and Literacy" program. Attending the award presentation were, from left in back, Tahnisha Blackwell of PNC Bank; Ronnie Ragen, TCMS Community Outreach Director; Sharon Collins, Martin House teacher; and Joseph F. Whall of PNC Bank. The children, standing from left, are Laurie Alexis and Unique Anderson, and sitting, Alexis Deshied and Kateema Moore. The Grow Up Great initiative is a 10-year, $100 million investment supporting the development of the social, emotional, physical, and cognitive skills children need to succeed in school. The School's "Music for the Very Young" program, developed in partnership with The Center for Music and Young Children in Princeton, has to date served approximately 1S00 families and provided professional development for nearly 100 Trenton preschool teachers and assistants.

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Pianist O'Riley to Close Peddie's Saturday Series

The Community Arts Partnership at the Peddie School (CAPPS) will end its 2005-06 Signature Saturdays Series with a performance by pianist Christopher O'Riley on Saturday, May 20 at 8 p.m. in Peddie's Mount-Burke Theater.

The program will include the *Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major* by Shostakovich, and *Gagging Order* and *Punchdrunk Lovesick Singalong* by Radiohead.

As host of the popular classical music radio show *From the Top* on National Public Radio, Mr. O'Riley performs with many young musicians with humor and a lack of pretension. From his transcriptions of Radiohead to his interpretations of the classical and contemporary repertoire, he has taken his vision of both genres to new audiences on the radio, at universities, and at clubs. His latest recording, *Home to Oblivion: An Elliott Smith Tribute*, was released on April 11 and is available on iTunes.

Tickets are $20. For more information, call the Swig Arts Center at (609) 490-7550 or visit www.peddie.org/capps.

Westminster Conservatory To Present Altman's Music

Members of the faculty at Westminster Conservatory and the community music school of Westminster Choir College, will perform a benefit concert featuring works by composer Laurie Altman on Thursday, May 18 at 8 p.m. in Westminster's Bristol Chapel.

Proceeds from the concert will support Westminster Conservatory's annual fund campaign.

The program will include *Antorctic Convergence*, which was inspired by Altman's visit to Antarctica earlier this year, *Homage ò Stravinsky*, and other works.

Laurie Altman

Most of the performers will be members of the Westminster Conservatory faculty: Laurie Altman, piano; Ena Bronstein Barton and Phyllis Lehrer, duo-pianists; Joy Bechtler, soprano; Tom Buckelew, bass clarinet and alto saxophone; James Day, guitar; Ken Ellison, clarinet; Flora Newbury, trumpet; Tomasz Rzeczycki, cello; Carol Vizzini, cello; The Kende String Quartet; and Ruth Ochs, conductor. They will be joined by guest artists Randall Bauer, piano; Scott Lee, bass; and Andrew Rathbun, tenor and soprano saxophone.

A composer, pianist, and teacher, Mr. Altman is known for his work in the field of jazz. He has composed chamber, vocal, piano, opera, and choral works as well as film scores and commercials. His more than 100 jazz pieces have been performed in concerts, club appearances, and on recordings. He has performed in London, Mexico City, Holland, Scandinavia, and throughout the United States.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students and seniors. To order, call (609) 921-7104.

A DAY AT THE OPERA: Music students from Princeton High School, Ewing High School, and Nottingham High School were treated to an interactive lecture-discussion about Mozart and his comic opera "The Marriage of Figaro" recently, led by Margaret Cusack, associate professor of voice at Westminster Choir College. Illustrating the music were two Westminster graduate students, Grant Mech, left, and Mary Evans, who had previously played two of the opera's lead roles. They sang short sections of recitative and duets to the piano accompaniment of Kristin Ditlow. The lecture was followed by a three-hour performance of "Figaro" by Westminster Opera Theatre students. The high school students were guests of Princeton Friends of Opera, which initiated the program as part of its mission to support audience expansion and creative projects in opera.

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Golandsky Institute Sets Summer Symposium Plans

New York's Golandsky Institute has announced that reservations are now being accepted for its Summer Symposium on the Taubman Approach, which will take place at Princeton University from July 15 to July 23. The Symposium will run concurrently with the week-long International Piano Festival featuring performances by pianists from around the world.

The Symposium will include lectures, master classes, technique clinics, and other presentations by Edna Golandsky and the Institute's faculty, all of whom have undergone training in the Taubman Approach. Each participant will be given private lessons and interactive technique clinics.

The Symposium's faculty members will be John Bloomfield from New York City, Robert Durso from Philadelphia, Mary Moran from Albany, Kendall Feeney from Seattle, Sean Duggan from Fredonia, N.Y., Giselle Brodsky from Miami, Audrey Schneider from Long Island, Ilya Itin from New York City, Marc Steiner from San Francisco, and Yoriko Fieleke from Boston.

The Summer Symposium participants will also include Edward Bilous, professor at the Juilliard School of Music; Christopher Hasty, professor of music at Harvard University; Barbara White, professor at Princeton University; the composer Yehudi Wyner; Sandra Rosenblum, author of *Performance Practices in Classic Piano Music;* Thomas Bagwell, faculty member at Mannes College of Music; William Noll, pianist and conductor; and Golandsky Institute faculty members John Bloomfield, Marc Steiner, and Robert Durso.

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The Golandsky Institute was founded in 2003 to teach musicians how to overcome technical limitations and recover from injuries caused by incoordinate playing. It provides training for teachers in the diagnostic tools necessary to teach healthful skills to musicians of all levels.

To register for the Symposium or to order tickets for the International Piano Festival, call (877) 343-3434; visit www.golandskyinstitue.org; or write to The Golandsky Institute, Park West Finance Station, P.O. Box 20726, New York, N.Y. 10025.

Westminster at Nassau To End Season May 18

Westminster Conservatory at Nassau, a series of free lunchtime concerts by Westminster faculty members, will end its season on Thursday, May 18 at Nassau Presbyterian Church with a solo piano recital by Eunju Joung. The recital will take place at 12:15 p.m. in the church's Niles Chapel. Admission is free.

The program will include movements from the French *Suite No. 5 in G* by Bach, the *Fantasia in D Minor* by Mozart, and two works by Chopin, the *Etude in F Minor No. 2* and the *Polonaise in A Flat.*

Ms. Joung received a bachelor of arts degree in music education from Gyeong Sang National University in Korea, where she received a full scholarship. Her master of music degree in sacred music is from Westminster Choir College.

Ms. Joung has performed as a solo recitalist in Korea and New Jersey. She was awarded the Certificate of Excellence by the American Fine Arts Festival in 2004 and 2005. She has served as music director at the All Nations Church in Voorhees.

Westminster Conservatory at Nassau is a collaborative effort between Nassau Presbyterian Church and Westminster Conservatory, the community music school of Westminster. The recitals are 30 to 40 minutes long and take place monthly from September through May except December. All performers are faculty members of Westminster Conservatory. The 2006-07 season will begin September 21.

PERCUSSION MASTER: The Tabla maestro Zakir Hussain will return to McCarter Theatre in "Masters of Percussion," featuring percussionists from India's classical and folk traditions, on Friday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. The evening's guests will be Ustad Sultan Khan on sarangi, Niladri Kumar on sitar, and the dancing drummers of Manipur, Manipuri Jagoi Marup. The concert will showcase both melodic (raga) and rhythmic (tala) music of India. An accompanist for the leading classical musicians and dancers of India, Mr. Hussain has established himself globally as one of India's best known cultural ambassadors. As a composer, he has written music for many film scores and for the opening ceremonies at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. He received a Best World Music Album Grammy in 1991 for his work as performer, composer, and co-producer of "Planet Drum." He served this year as a professor of music at Princeton University. Tickets are $33 to $39, from the McCarter ticket office at (609) 258-2787.

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Community Chorus Plans 10th Anniversary Concert

The Westminster Community Chorus, conducted by Devin Mariman, will present its Tenth Anniversary Celebration concert at Bristol Chapel on the Choir College campus this Saturday, May 13 at 8 p.m.

The choir will be joined by Martha Cook Davidson, accompanist; Jeffrey Freuler, assistant conductor; and Eric Plutz, organ. The program will feature works from the ensemble's first ten seasons as well as a new work, *St. Cecilia's Song*, by Ronald Hemmel, Westminster associate professor of music theory and composition and director of the Music Computing Center.

Devin Mariman

The Westminster Community Chorus was established in 1997 by conductor Pearl Shangkuan and Westminster Conservatory Director Scott Hoerl. Its mission is to offer people of all ages and musical backgrounds the opportunity to study and perform choral music. Since its founding, the 32-person chorus has expanded to 65 singers. Mr. Mariman, who received his bachelor of music degree from Bradley University and master's degree in choral conducting and vocal pedagogy from Westminster, was appointed conductor in 1999. He is also chorusmaster for the Westminster Conservatory's Children's Opera.

Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for seniors and students. To order, call the Westminster box office at (609) 921-2663 weekdays between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

University Jazz Ensembles At Richardson on Saturday

The Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Composers Collective, directed by Anthony D.J. Branker, will present a concert with guest vibraphone soloist Bryan Carrott this Saturday, May 13 at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium. The program is titled "The Commission Project: New Music Composed for the Princeton University Jazz Program."

The concert will feature a number of works written for the University Concert Jazz Ensemble over the years by such jazz composers as saxophonist Jimmy Heath, saxophonist Bob Mintzer, and trumpeter Michael Philip Mossman. It will also feature the world premiere of a newly commissioned work for big band by saxophonist Ralph Bowen, as well as new compositions by Prof. Branker and students in the University Jazz Composers Collective.

A jazz vibraphonist, mallet percussionist, pianist, and vocalist, Mr. Carrott has recorded and performed throughout Europe, Japan, and the United States with such artists as David "Fathead" Newman, Henry Threadgill, Sam Rivers, Herbie Mann, Cassandra Wilson, Greg Osby, Tom Harrell, and Bennie Wallace. He has also been featured as soloist with Germany's WDR Orchestra and recognized by Down Beat magazine's International Critics' Poll for several years. He is currently coordinator of percussion at Five Towns College in Dix Hills, N.Y.

The Princeton University Jazz Program has worked in collaboration with The Commission Project (TCP) since 2003. One of the most active music commissioning organizations in the country, the Project provides funding for composers' original titles for professional and school orchestras, bands, and chamber ensembles of all genres. Currently, TCP sponsors composer residencies in metropolitan areas across the U.S. and Canada.

The Princeton University Jazz Program features two 17-piece big bands and an ever-changing variety of small groups. Qualified students have the opportunity to pursue further studies in jazz performance through the Music Department's Certificate Program in Musical Performance.

Prof. Branker is Senior Lecturer in Music and Conductor of University Jazz Ensembles at Princeton, where he also serves as Associate Director of the Program in Musical Performance. In 2005, he was named a U.S. Fulbright Scholar and visiting professor at the Estonian Academy of Music in Tallinn. He has also served as a member of the jazz faculty of the Manhattan School of Music, professor of music and director of jazz studies at Hunter College, chairperson of the Department of Music at Ursinus College, and head of jazz studies for the New Jersey Summer Arts Institute at Rutgers University.

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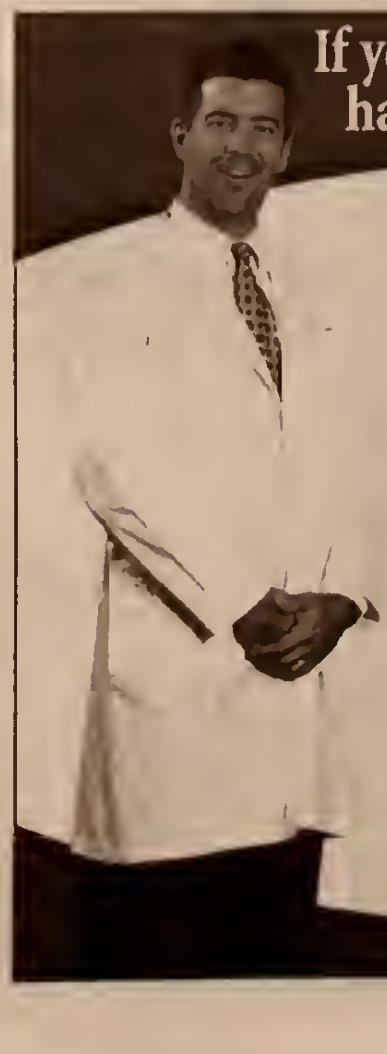
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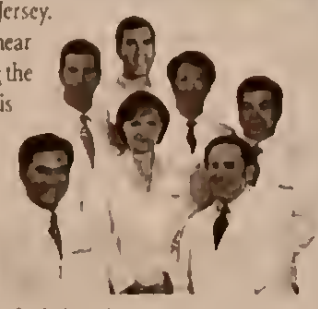
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WEDDING INTERRUPTUS: Daniel London, left, as Lafcad Clay, and Charles Haid as Uncle Baites discuss Lafcad's impending wedding in this scene from Beth Henley's new comedy "Ridiculous Fraud," opening Friday at McCarter Theatre and running through Sunday, June 11. Mr. Haid was a four-time Emmy nominee for his starring role in the TV series "Hill Street Blues." Tickets range from $35 to $48; to order, call (609) 258-2787.

(Photo by George Vogel)

NOT YOUR USUAL SUSPECT: Former Borough Mayor Marvin Reed introduced a showing of Bryan Singer's film, *The Usual Suspects*, as the Princeton Public Library continued its retrospective of West Windsor native Singer's work last Friday. Mr. Reed is a friend of the Singer family. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Theatre Intime to Close Season With Miller Play

Princeton University's Theatre Intime will conclude its 2005-06 season with five performances of Arthur Miller's *All My Sons* June 1 to June 3 in the Hamilton Murray Theater in Murray-Dodge Hall.

The play, which will be directed by Junior Bridget R. Durkin, describes a broken family's attempts to rebuild their lives after losing a son in war. While the mother looks back, the surviving son struggles to move forward before his father's hidden past ruins them all. The criticism of the American Dream which lies at the heart of the play was a reason for the playwright's appearance before the House Un-American Activities Committee during the 1950s.

The cast will include Andy Hoover '07, Julia Cain '07, Sam Zutemer '09, Tawny Chritton '07, Glenn Brown '09, Jon Miller '07, Christine Murphy '07, Tom Brown '07, and Callie Lefevre '09.

Performances will be Thursday, June 1 at 8 p.m., Friday, June 2 at 2 and 8 p.m., and Saturday, June 3 at 2 and 8 p.m.

Tickets are $12 for general admission; $10 for seniors, faculty, and staff; and $6 for students and children. To order, call the Frist Campus Center ticket office at (609) 258-1742.

"Stone Carver" Schedule Reset by Passage Theatre

Trenton's Passage Theatre has announced that the performance schedule for its final production of the season, William Mastrosimone's *A Stone Carver*, has been changed. Originally scheduled to run from May 4 through Sunday, May 28, the show will now play from Thursday, May 25 to Sunday, June 18 at the Mill Hill Playhouse.

Performances will take place on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with matinees Saturdays at 2 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are $25, with discounts for students, seniors, and groups, and may be purchased by calling (609) 392-0766 or by visiting www.passagetheatre.org.

The date change was necessitated by the illness of a cast member. He is now expected to make a full recovery and resume rehearsals next week.

Ticket holders for the cancelled performances may call the box office at (609) 392-0766 to reschedule.

TIME TO REFLECT: Ali Marsh as Willow Clay and Reg Rogers as her husband Andrew Clay face a dramatic moment in their lives in this scene from Beth Henley's "Ridiculous Fraud," having its world premiere this month at McCarter Theatre. Ms. Henley was a Pulitzer Prize winner for "Crimes of the Heart." For tickets, call (609) 258-2787.

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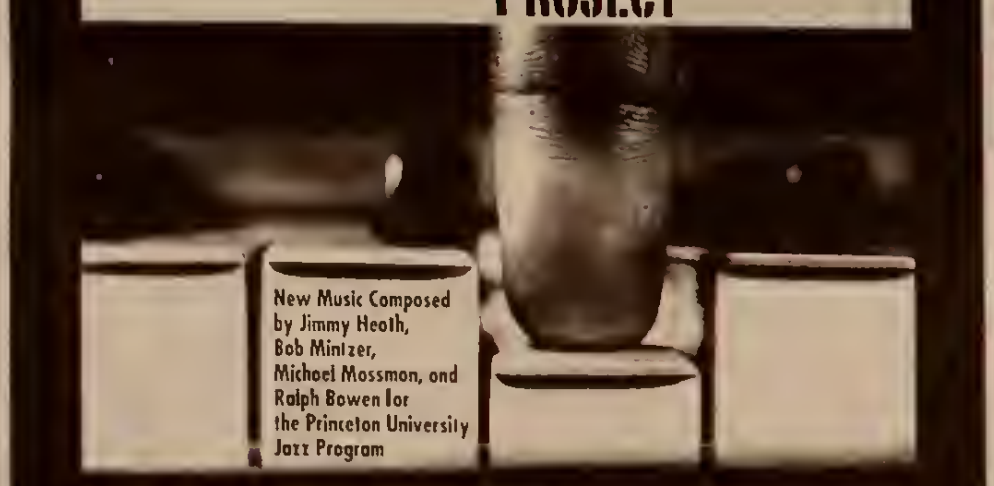

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FLAMENCO FAVORITE: The Arts Council of Princeton's flamenco dance teacher Lisa Bottalico will headline a flamenco performance this Friday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Council's conTEMPORARY Arts Center at the Princeton Shopping Center. Titled "Tablao Flamenco: A Night of Passion and Culture," the program will also feature flamenco guitarist Carlos Revollar; singer Dominico Caro, who has sung for such flamenco greats as Jose Greco, Joel Molina, and Maria Alba; and students from the Arts Council's flamenco classes. Admission will be $6 for non-members, $5 for members. For reservations, call (609) 924-8777, ext. 106.

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Memory Loss: Normal Aging or Alzheimer's Disease?

By Roger Bchar, M.D.

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Memory loss is a common complaint and a cause of great worry and fear for many people. While some are simply experiencing the normal memory loss of aging, others are exhibiting signs of dementia.

As baby boomers age, complaints of memory loss will become more prevalent. In 2000, 4.5 million people were diagnosed with dementia, while 15 million are expected to be diagnosed in 2050. The challenge facing physicians today is to rule out the normal memory loss of aging and diagnose those with dementia so treatment can begin as soon as possible.

After age 40, memory begins to decline. It becomes harder to recall recent information and learn new procedures. We are not as good as we once were at finding our way to unfamiliar places, learning new skills, multi-tasking, and decision making. While one or more of these often declines in normal aging, the decline does not prevent us from performing our jobs and functioning normally.

Mild Cognitive Impairment, or MCI, can be described as having very poor short term memory only. For example, someone with MCI may have no recollection of a conversation they had a few minutes ago. People with MCI retain their long-term memory, along with the ability to make decisions, judgments, and perform practical skills. MCI is considered a potential harbinger of dementia. With dementia, memory loss is accompanied by loss of other mental functions: language, judgment, initiative, direction finding, etc., to the point where the person can no longer continue working or live without the assistance of others.

Alzheimer's Disease (AD) is one type of dementia, and in fact comprises 80% of all dementias. The rates of failure to recognize AD are staggering. 97% of people with mild dementia go undiagnosed, and 50% of people with moderate dementia go undiagnosed. Early diagnosis is crucial. Catching AD early can allow the patient to make their own choices in advance planning, such as living wills and power-of-attorney. Early diagnosis can also safeguard against accidents while driving or at home, and can prevent patients from falling prey to scams that exploit the elderly. There is good evidence that early treatment can also delay loss of function and placement in nursing homes by two years, allowing people to keep their loved ones at home as long as possible.

Some things look like dementia but are in fact treatable and reversible conditions, such as extra fluid on the brain, vitamin deficiencies, infections, etc. We at Princeton and Rutgers Neurology do a thorough workup to analyze the cause of memory loss (i.e., normal aging, MCI or AD) and to exclude treatable disorders that mimic dementia. Once that is accomplished we put patients on the most up-to-date medications available. Patients with AD require long-term treatment with the doctor, patient, spouse or family working together as a team to maintain the quality of life and dignity we all deserve.

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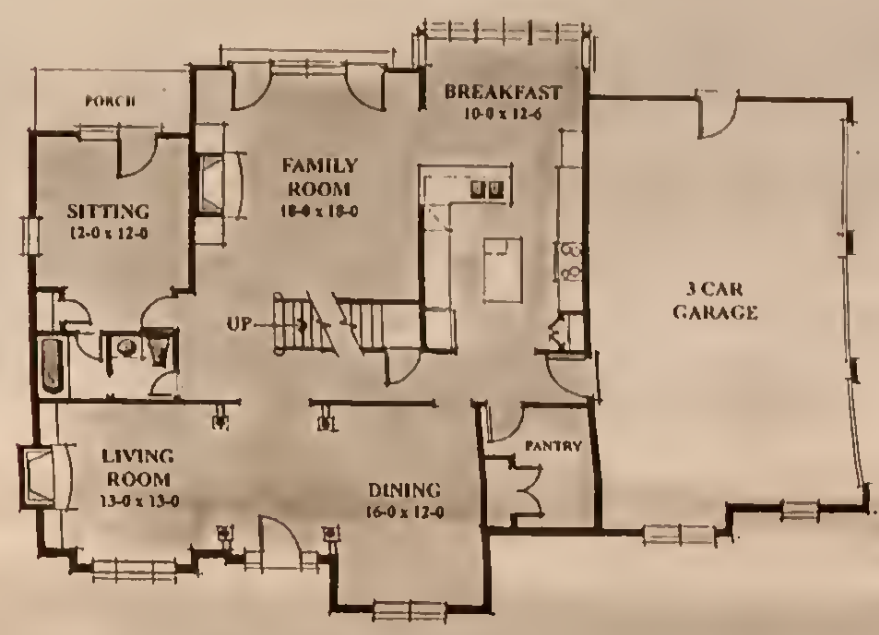

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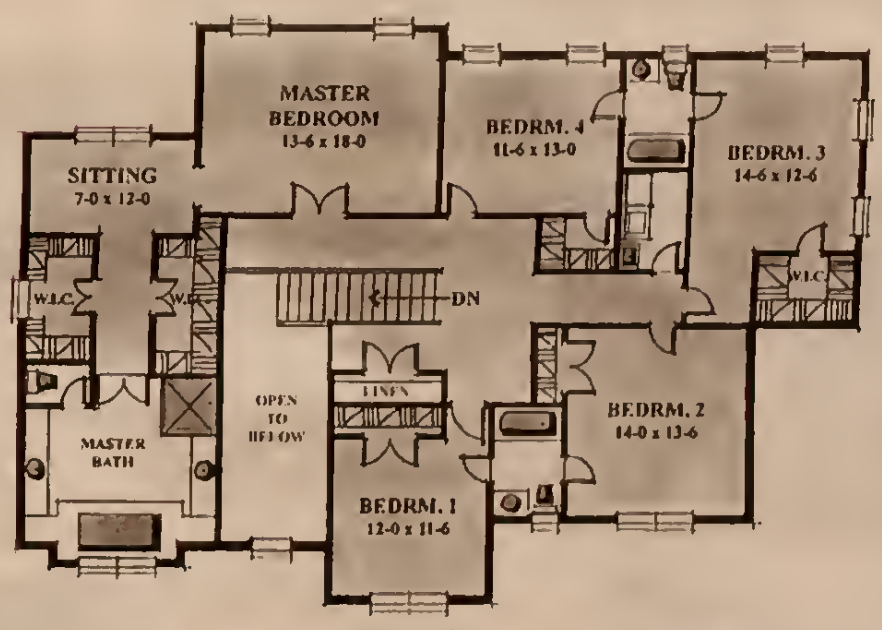

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This adaptation of Homer's myth begins with a modern young woman struggling to understand Robert Fitzgerald's translation of *The Odyssey*. A classical muse appears, and the woman becomes the goddess Athena, an advocate for Odysseus in his struggle to return home. The play brings to life the story of Odysseus's ten-year journey, depicting his encounters with Circe, the Cyclops, Poseidon, Calypso, the Sirens, and others.

A 2002 Tony Award winner and winner of the McArthur Genius Grant, Ms. Zimmerman wrote and directed *Metamorphoses* and *The Secret in the Wings*. She also adapted and directed *The Notebooks of Leonardo da Vinci*. *The Odyssey* was seen at McCarter Theatre in the fall of 2000.

Mr. Joyce has directed many shows at Peddie, and will soon graduate with a master's degree in theater from The New School for Drama in New York City.

The cast of *The Odyssey* will include amateur and semi-professional actors from throughout the region. Tickets are $12 and may be purchased by calling the box office at (609) 490-7550, or by visiting www.peddie.org/capps.

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DANCE MAN: Bill T. Jones, called "an irreplaceable dance treasure" by The Dance Heritage Coalition, will lead his dance troupe, the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, in a 90-minute dance/theater piece titled "Blind Date" at McCarter Theatre on Tuesday, May 16 at 8 p.m. The work uses an original score by the company's music director, Daniel Bernard Roumain, that ranges from Bach to Otis Redding and the Mexican national anthem; and a multi-media set by Bjorn Amelan featuring projected film images and bold lighting. A 2005 recipient of the Samuel H. Scripps/American Dance Festival Award, Harlem Renaissance Award, and Wexner Prize, Mr. Jones also earned a $210,000 grant recently to help his company find a permanent performance and rehearsal facility in Harlem. He has received choreographic commissions from Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Boston Ballet, Berlin Opera Ballet, and the Lyon Opera Ballet, where he was resident choreographer for four years. Tickets are $39 and $42. To order, call (609) 258-2787 or visit www.mccarter.org.

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CINEMA REVIEW — *Mission: Impossible III*

Tom Cruise Assembles Team for an Adrenaline Charged Adventure

In the wake of the success of the *Mission: Impossible* films, people may not realize that the films are based on a television series which enjoyed an eight-year run between 1966 and 1973. Each episode opened with a scene featuring the head of the MI Force leafing through a top secret dossier as he listened to his latest assignment on a self-destructing audiotape which began with the trademark phrase, "Good morning, Mr. Phelps."

Phelps would then hand-pick a team of agents to assist him in executing a carefully coordinated covert operation to infiltrate the targeted organization and unobtrusively complete the task. The first two movie versions ignored the television original's "team" and "anonymity" concepts, instead presenting a Tom Cruise vehicle in which his character, Ethan Hunt, was a one-man operation that was the opposite of subtle.

Those nostalgic for the television show, however, will be happy to hear that *Mission Impossible III* is not only the best, but the most faithful to the original, of the three screen adaptations.

J.J. Abrams makes his film directing debut after having made a name for himself in television for episodes of *Lost*, *Alias*, and *Felicity*. The executives at Paramount were sufficiently impressed with his work to trust him with a $150 million budget, the largest ever given to a first-time director.

Mr. Abrams surrounded Tom Cruise with a talented cast, including Ving Rhames as Luther Stickell, Ethan's friend and technical expert. The rest of the members of the MI team are: jack-of-all-trades Zhen (Maggie Q); getaway driver/pilot/boat captain Declan (Jonathan Rhys Meyers); Michelle Monaghan as Julia, Ethan's fiancée; Lawrence Fishburne as John Brassel, Ethan's boss; and Philip Seymour Hoffman, as the villain Owen Davian.

With an understated elegant demeanor, Hoffman delivers goose-bump inducing threats like this to Ethan: "Do you have a wife or a girlfriend? Because I'm going to find her and I'm going to hurt her. And then I'm going to kill you in front of her."

NEXT TIME, KNOCK BEFORE YOU ENTER: Apparently Owen Davian (not shown) is about to try and carry out his threat to torture and kill Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise, left) and his fiancée Julia (Michelle Monaghan). *(Photo by Mark Fellman)*

The movie opens with a teaser, in which Davian catches Ethan off guard, thereby starting a thrill-a-minute adventure across the United States, Europe, and Asia. The storyline involves a plan to sell a chemical, that is capable of causing mass destruction, to the highest bidder.

Mission Impossible III is laced with homages to thrillers such as True Lies, Silence of the Lambs and No Way Out.

The plot includes an assassination, a red herring, a kidnapping, a back-stabbing saboteur and a host of other complications. While you're trying to connect all the dots, just remember that the easiest way to watch the film is to put your brain on idle and enjoy all the stunt work, chase scenes, special effects, pyrotechnics, gunplay, and comic relief.

Excellent (★★★★). Rated PG-13 for violence, disturbing images, and sensuality. Running time: 126 minutes. Studio: Paramount Pictures.

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Akeelah and the Bee (PG for mild epithets). Keke Palmer stars in the title role in this inspirational tale about the efforts of a precocious 11 year-old from L.A.'s South Central ghetto to make it to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. with the help of a mysterious mentor (Laurence Fishburne) and over the objections of her mother (Angela Bassett).

Americon Dreamz (PG-13 for sexual references and profanity). Dennis Quaid is at the center of this social satire as a second term President of the United States who is booked by his chief of staff (Willem Dafoe) as a celebrity judge on an American Idol-type, reality-TV series in order to boost his approval rating. With Hugh Grant as the host, Mandy Moore appears as a game show contestant, Jennifer Coolidge as her pushy stage mom, and Marcia Gay Harden as the First Lady.

Friends with Money (R for sex, expletives and drug use). Female empowerment film about the relationship of a struggling ne'er-do-well (Jennifer Aniston) with three, life-long friends (Joan Cusack, Catherine Keener and Frances McDormand) whose once comfortable marriages are suddenly in crisis.

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Hoot (PG for bullying and brief profanity). Heartwarming comedy about a nature boy raised in the mountains of Montana (Logan Lerman) whose family relocates to Florida where the lad leads a crusade to protect a population of endangered owls threatened by corrupt politicians, avaricious land owners and inept police officers.

Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG for coarse language and sexual innuendo). Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, and Denny Dillon again lend their voices to a variety of prehistoric creatures in this family-oriented, animated sequel set just before the Earth starts to thaw. Replacing Kristen Johnson, Cedric the Entertainer, and Jack Black are Queen Latifah, Jay Leno, and Seann William Scott.

Just My Luck (PG-13 for sexual references). Romantic comedy starring Lindsay Lohan as the luckiest woman alive who mysteriously swaps fortunes with a lovable loser (Chris Pine) after kissing him at a masquerade ball one Friday.

Kinky Boots (PG-13 for profanity and mature themes). British comedy about a shoe factory heir (Joel Edgerton) who figures out how to revitalize the sinking family business when he befriends a black transvestite (Chiwetel Ejiofor) who comes up with the bright idea of catering to drag queens.

Mission Impossible III (PG-13 for action violence). Secret Agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and sidekick Luther Stickell (Ving Rhames) return for another round of hi-tech, high-impact hijinks, squaring-off against a bloodthirsty arms dealer (Philip Seymour Hoffman). Cast includes Laurence Fishburne, Keri Russell and Billy Crudup.

The Notorious Bettie Page (R for sex, expletives, and nudity). Gretchen Mol handles the title role in the bio-pic about the famous, fifties pin-up girl who ended up the subject of a Senate investigation because of her kinky bondage photos.

Poseidon (PG-13 for sequences of horror and peril). Oceanographic adventure veteran Wolfgang Peterson (*The Perfect Storm* and *Das Boot*) directs another aquatic disaster, a remake of *The Poseidon Adventure*, the 1972 classic about the effort of passengers to survive after their cruise ship is capsized by a tidal wave. Ensemble cast includes Josh Lucas, Kurt Russell, Andre Braugher, Emmy Rossum, Richard Dreyfuss, and Jacinda Barrett.

The Promise (PG-13 for sexuality and martial arts action). Enchanting martial arts fantasy, set in a mystical world where gods and humans co-exist, about a beautiful, orphaned concubine (Cecilia Cheung) who finds three men fighting for her affection: a powerful general (Hiroyuki Sanada), his lowly slave (Jang Dong-Gun) and an evil nobleman (Nicholas Tse). In Mandarin with subtitles.

R.V. (PG for crude humor, sexual innuendo, and off-color language). Robin Williams and Cheryl Hines star in this road comedy about a dysfunctional family whose cross-country trip to Colorado in a camper turns out to be the summer vacation from Heli.

Scary Movie 4 (PG-13 for sex and expletives, crude humor, and violence). Anna Faris, Regina Hall, Anthony Anderson, Leslie Nielsen, Charlie Sheen, Simon Rex and Carmen Electra return for another round of the horror genre, including spoofs of *War of the Worlds*, *The Village*, *Saw*, and more.

The Sentinel (PG-13 for intense violence and sensuality). Political potboiler featuring Michael Douglas in the title role as the First Lady's (Kim Basinger) disgraced bodyguard who ends up trying to clear his name while on the run from a couple of fellow Secret Service Agents (Kiefer Sutherland and Eva Longoria) after being framed as the mastermind of a still unfolding plot to assassinate the President (David Rasche) of the United States.

Silent Hill (R for gore, profanity, disturbing images, and violence). Radha Mitchell stars in this horror film about a woman whose seriously-ill daughter (Jodelle Ferland) disappears in a haunted, deserted town they encounter on their way to a faith healer.

Stick It (PG-13 for crude language). Missy Peregrym stars in this sports film as a 17-year-old reformed rebel who returns to gymnastics with the help of a mentor (Jeff Bridges) after a run in with the law.

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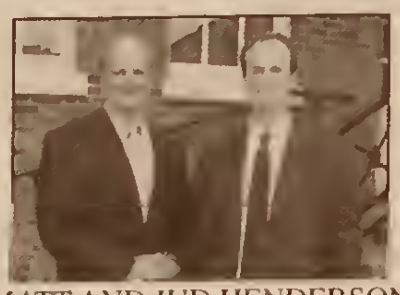

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PU Women's Lax Edges Maryland on Senior Day, Faces Tough NCAA Test as It Heads to Virginia

Clutching a bouquet of flowers and wearing a broad grin, Lauren Vance basked in the glow of a Senior Night to remember for the Princeton University women's lacrosse team.

The star defender spearheaded a Tiger defense that stifled high-powered Maryland last Wednesday as Princeton edged the sixth-ranked Terps 9-8.

For good measure, Vance added an assist for the 14th-ranked Tigers, who finished the regular season with an 11-5 record and will start postseason action on May 14 when they travel to second-seeded Virginia in an NCAA opening round contest.

Afterward, Vance savored the sweet win in her regular season finale. "The team was great, they decorated our lockers and gave us flowers," said Vance, a second-team All-American selection last season. "It was definitely really emotional. We had come off two big wins and we needed today to seal the deal before we go into the tournament."

In Vance's view, the emotions triggered by Senior Night gave the whole team a boost. "It gave us that extra push," asserted Vance, a native of Lexington, Va. "We needed to come out strong in the first half. I think we've been doing that the last couple of games."

The Tigers' recent 15-5 whipping at the hands of Dartmouth has Princeton more focused on playing with passion from the opening draw.

"We had a disappointing loss to Dartmouth," acknowledged team co-captain Vance, noting that Princeton had posted impressive wins over Delaware and Brown in the wake of the setback to the Big Green. "I think everybody got caught on a bad day. It was definitely a wake-up call; everybody needs to come ready to play."

Everybody on Princeton's defense came ready to play Wednesday as the Tigers were the first team to hold the Terps under nine goals since Duke beat them 9-7 in late February.

"We had a great defensive game," asserted Vance. "Everybody stepped up; we knew what to expect and we did it well. There was a lot of communication."

A key part of the Princeton game plan was to shut down Maryland's two top guns, senior All-American Delia Cox and sophomore star Kelly Kasper.

"We know what she likes to do, we know what Kasper likes to do," added Vance. "We worked on it and we were ready with the double. We shut her down a couple of times and she got frustrated; we played her smart."

NO ENTRY: Princeton University star defender Lauren Vance, right, battles a foe in action earlier this season. Last Wednesday, Vance chipped in an assist to help Princeton edge Maryland 9-8 in her final appearance at Class of 1952 Stadium. The Tigers start postseason action on May 14 when they travel to second-seeded Virginia in an NCAA opening round contest. If the Tigers win, they will play in the NCAA quarters on May 20 against the victor of the Dartmouth-Boston University opening round clash.

Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction

Princeton head coach Chris Sailer certainly thought her charges played a smart game. "The kids really came together all over the field," said Sailer, whose club trailed 4-2 at the half but went on a 5-1 run in the early stages of the second half to seize the momentum in the contest.

"It's Senior Night and we knew how key this game was. We played composed and our defense was excellent. We finally got our slides down; we were really aggressive. We beat them in every statistical category except saves."

Sophomore star Katie Lewis-Lamonica topped the stat sheet for Princeton, scoring three goals with Allison Murray and Kathleen Miller each chipping in two.

Sailer credited her core of seniors with leading the way last Wednesday and all spring long. "They don't all play a lot but they are a really united group," asserted Sailer, whose group of seniors includes Caitlin Abidin, Olachi Opara, Anita Rackovan, and Jamie Sundheim in addition to Vance.

"They've been great leaders; they've taught the younger kids a lot about what it means to be a team player and what it takes to win. I think of Anita Rackovan and how hard she worked after her knee injury and what a lasting impression that leaves."

CAVALIER APPROACH: Princeton University sophomore star Katie Lewis-Lamonica races up the field in recent action. Lewis-Lamonica, Princeton's second-leading scorer with 40 points on 33 goals and seven assists, will need to be productive as the Tigers play at second-seeded Virginia this Sunday in the opening round of the NCAA tournament. Princeton, 11-5 on the season, fell 16-3 to the Cavaliers (15-3) in late March. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

In Sailer's view, the combination of Vance and Abidin has spearheaded the Tiger defense. "Both Vance and Abidin have been solid," said Sailer, who has led the Tiger program to nine straight NCAA appearances and 16 overall. "They are our twin towers back there; they have been incredible this year."

Overcoming Maryland should give Princeton a big lift as it faces high-powered Virginia, which boasts a 15-3 record. The Tigers will need that extra shot of confidence considering the fact that they fell 16-3 to Cavaliers in late March. If the Tigers win, they will play in the NCAA quarters on May 20 against the winner of the Dartmouth-Boston University opening round clash.

"This gives us a lot of confidence going into the tournament," asserted Sailer, who guided Princeton to the national title in 1994, 2002, and 2003. "I felt like we just played a really good game tonight for 60 minutes and that's what we need. I feel like the Maryland game and this time of year brings out the best in us. One down and four to go; we're really excited about the tournament."

Vance, who started for the 2003 championship squad, would like her career to end as it started. "It's all out now, we have nothing to lose at this point," vowed Vance.

"Our senior class tells the younger players what it was like to win the national championship. We were underdogs the whole tournament and we came out and won it. We may be lower ranked but if we go out and play with heart and beat the other team to every ball, there's nothing they can do. We try to bring that to the team everyday, the mentality that it isn't over until it's over."

Vance and her teammates will need to bring plenty of heart if they are to bring a victory home from Virginia.

—Bill Alden

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PU Men's Lax Tops Brown to Tie for Ivy Crown; Hosts UMBC In NCAA Opening Round Contest

Even though Brown had won only two games this spring, the Princeton University men's lacrosse team knew it was going to be in for a stiff test when it faced the Bears last Saturday in the regular season finale.

While Princeton had won its four trips to Providence, the wins had come by a combined 10 goals. With Princeton heading into the contest needing a win to tie Cornell for the Ivy League title, Brown was more than happy to play the role of spoiler.

Sure enough, Brown gave Princeton trouble from the outset, taking a 2-1 lead in the first quarter. By halftime, the teams were knotted at 3-3.

Early in the fourth quarter, Princeton appeared to have pulled away from the pesky Bears as goals by Bob Schneider, Josh Lesko, and Michael Wenzel put the Tigers ahead 6-3.

Brown, however, scored two straight goals to set up a tense conclusion. With Tiger star goalie Alex Hewit making a key late save and freshman defender Chris Peyser producing a critical turnover in the final minute of the game, Princeton escaped Stevenson Field with a 6-5 triumph and its 13th Ivy crown in the last 19 years.

A relieved Princeton head coach Bill Tierney knew his team had dodged a bullet. "You have to give Brown a lot of credit," said Tierney, as quoted on the Princeton sports website. "They were loose and really took it to us."

By surviving the Bears, Princeton, now 10-4 on the season, secured an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, learning late Sunday night that it had been chosen as the tourney's seventh seed and will host UMBC this Saturday. The winner of that game will advance to a quarterfinal contest on May 21 at Towson against the victor of the clash between second-seeded Maryland and Denver.

For Tierney and his program, the selection was particularly sweet considering that the ninth-ranked Tigers struggled last spring to a 5-7 mark, missing out on the NCAA for the first time in 16 years.

"It's great to be back in the tournament," asserted Tierney, who has led the Tigers to six national championships and guided the Tigers to the Final Four in 2004 in their last NCAA appearance.

"But I don't want anyone to think it's enough just to do that. Still, for this group, with so many young players, to get a top eight seed and get back in the tournament, that's a great accomplishment."

Princeton won't have an easy time accomplishing great things in its latest trip starting with Saturday's first round contest against 11th-ranked UMBC.

The Retrievers, who are coached by Don Zimmerman, Tierney's former boss when he was an assistant coach at Johns Hopkins, have won six straight games, including a 19-10 won over nationally-ranked Albany last week in the America East Conference championship game.

Princeton will need to get its inconsistent offense on track if it is to make a deep run in the tournament. The Tigers have scored as many as 16 goals on three occasions but then have been held to six or fewer goals five times this spring. The consistent play of Hewit and the Tiger defense should keep it in any game as Princeton has allowed a measly 6.14 goals a contest.

In any event, the Tigers should bring a special hunger to the field Saturday as they make their return to post-season play.

"We took a big hit last year," said senior midfielder Wenzel after the Brown game. "The last two games of last year, we worked towards rebuilding the team. Then we added the freshman and they're a great group. We definitely, as seniors, wanted to go out on a high note and I think we accomplished that."

If the Tigers can ride the momentum they have built this spring, they could be a big hit in NCAA play.

—Bill Alden

RETURN ENGAGEMENT: Princeton University junior attacker Peter Trombino looks for an opening in action earlier this spring. Trombino, who leads 10-4 Princeton in goals with 19, figures to be a pivotal performer as seventh-seeded Tiger hosts UMBC on May 13 in an NCAA opening round contest. The NCAA selection was particularly sweet for Princeton considering that the ninth-ranked Tigers struggled last spring to a 5-7 mark, missing out on the tournament for the first time in 16 years. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

ON GUARD: Princeton University sophomore star defender Dan Cocoziello, right, thwarts a Cornell player in the Tigers' 4-3 loss to the Big Red last month. Last Saturday, Cocoziello helped spearhead a strong defensive effort in Princeton's 6-5 win at Brown which gave the Tigers a share of the Ivy title with Cornell. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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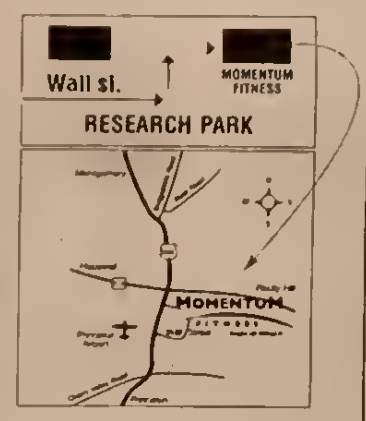

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FLYING HIGH: Princeton University junior infielder Aaron Prince, right, leaps to elude a Rutgers baserunner in action earlier this season. Last Saturday, Prince and his teammates came up big as they swept Harvard 9-3 and 8-2 in Cambridge, Mass. to win the best-of-three Ivy League Championship Series and qualify for the upcoming NCAA tournament. The wins improved Princeton to 18-23-1 and gave the surging Tigers 14 wins in their last 18 contests. Princeton will find out its NCAA assignment Memorial Day weekend.

(Photo by Bill Allen)

PU Baseball's Late Surge Continues As Tigers Sweep Harvard in Ivy Series

Scott Bradley has certainly experienced a lot of baseball over the course of the last 25 years.

The Princeton University baseball head coach starred at catcher for the University of North Carolina in the early 1980s before putting together a nine-year Major League career which included stops with the New York Yankees, Chicago White Sox, Seattle Mariners, and Cincinnati Reds.

But the well-travelled Bradley has never experienced anything quite like the ride his Princeton club has gone on this spring.

After starting out 0-7 in Ivy League play and falling to 4-19-1, the Tigers caught fire to win 12 of their last 16 games on the way to taking the Ivy League's Gehrig Division.

Last Saturday, Princeton continued its stunning revival by sweeping Rolfe Division winner Harvard 9-3 and 8-2 in Cambridge, Mass. to win the best-of-three Ivy League Championship Series and qualify for the upcoming NCAA tournament. It was the Tigers' sixth Ivy crown in the last 11 seasons.

"I told the guys afterward that I don't think I've ever been with a team that went 1-16-1 in an 18-game stretch," said Bradley. "We started 3-3 and then we were 4-19-1. We weren't getting blown away but it's tough when you can't get over the hump game after game. We gave up a lot of two-out hits in those losses. The kids kept the same approach; they showed up each day ready to play."

The Tigers didn't waste any time on Saturday showing they were ready to play. Senior star Zach Wendkos blasted a two-run homer in the first inning to give Princeton a lead it never relinquished in the contest. The Tigers built their advantage to 5-0 in the third, sparked by a two-run homer by Sal Iacono. Senior pitcher Erik Stiller went the distance on the mound, striking out six.

In game two, Wendkos struck again, stroking an RBI double in the sixth inning to knot the game at 1-1. Iacono and Stephen Wendell later added two-run doubles in the frame as Princeton scored seven runs to put the game out of reach. Christian Staehely went 6⅓ innings in getting the win with Eric Walz going the rest of the way to earn the save.

Bradley acknowledged that Princeton produced its best baseball when it counted most. "I think that's pretty easy to say that," said Bradley, when asked if Saturday was Princeton's best day of the season.

"We put it together; we played two really good games. Harvard had clearly proven they were the best team in the regular season. But in a playoff series anything can happen and we felt comfortable about the way we were playing."

Princeton was particularly comfortable with its starting pitching Saturday and for most of the season for that matter. "All four of our starters have pitched great over the last four weeks," asserted Bradley, whose club improved to 18-23-1 overall with the wins Saturday.

"I don't think any of them has given up more than three runs in a game in that period. Erik pitched well Saturday. We thought Harvard would have trouble with Christian since they had never seen him. He's like Erik, they both throw three different pitches for strikes; they keep hitters off balance."

In the meanwhile, Princeton's hitters were coming through in the clutch. "We got big hits; Zach got a big hit in the first game and then got us started in the second game," said Bradley, whose senior star collected four hits and five RBIs on the day. "Sal Iacono and DeGeorge also had big hits."

With Princeton not finding out its NCAA assignment until Memorial Day weekend, the Tigers will focus on schoolwork before turning their attention back to the diamond.

"They need to concentrate on their exams," said Bradley. "We're not going to have any formal practices. The hitters will come down and take some swings as a study break. The pitchers need to back down; it's been a long season. We want them to play catch to stay sharp. We'll find out where we're going on May 28 and then they'll have a week to prepare and just be baseball players."

—Bill Alden

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HEADING EAST: Princeton University women's open crew head coach Lori Dauphiny holding court in front of the Princeton boathouse. Dauphiny's top boat, which is 14-0 and ranked No. 1 in the country, will look to keep rolling as it competes this weekend in the Eastern Sprints at Cooper River in Camden, N.J. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

DOUBLE PLAY: Princeton University senior track star Cack Ferrell, shown here in action last fall, added some more lines to her glittering resume last weekend at the Ivy League Heptagonal Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Franklin Field in Philadelphia. Ferrell won both the 3,000 meter and 5,000 meter runs to help Princeton finish fifth in the team standings. Ferrell's time of 16:26.82 in winning the 5,000 was one of the top 10 times in the event in meet history. In the 3,000, Ferrell clocked a time of 9:35.17 as she edged teammate Catha Mullen by 0.25 seconds. The Tigers will next be in action when they host the ECAC Championships from May 12-14.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Tiger Women's Open Crew On a Roll, Brings Sense of Urgency Into Easterns

When learning that her Princeton University women's open crew was ranked No. 1 in the preseason polls this spring, Princeton head coach Lori Dauphiny joked that the ranking was mainly for entertainment.

As the spring has unfolded, however, Princeton's top open boat has provided its coach with plenty of entertainment.

The crew has cruised to a win each time out, posting a 14-win season for the first time in program history and maintaining that No. 1 ranking.

This coming weekend, the Tigers look to keep rolling as they compete in the Eastern Sprints at Cooper River in Camden, N.J.

Dauphiny, true to form, is cautiously optimistic as she assesses her boat's chances in the Easterns. "We have high expectations but we know there are no guarantees," asserted Dauphiny, who is in her ninth year heading the Tiger open program.

"In terms of past teams we have more consistency with our speed. We have also had more consistency in our training; we've had less illness and injury than in past years."

Dauphiny credits her core of seniors with having a major influence not only on the top boat but throughout the program.

"This is one of the best senior classes that has come through the program in a while," asserted Dauphiny.

"The entire senior class has acted as captains. The qualities they have exhibited have brought up everybody's standards."

While Dauphiny is hesitant to single out any of her seniors, she notes that Caroline Lind has brought a special talent to the program while Devan Darby has provided superior leadership.

"Caroline was on the U.S. national team last summer and competed in the world championships in the women's pair and women's eight," said Dauphiny, whose senior corps also includes Canadian Olympian Andreanne Morin. "Devan has acted as our captain. She's set personal records and at the same time she and I have encouraged collective leadership."

Princeton will be looking to utilize that leadership as it aims to avoid a repeat of last spring when it went undefeated in the regular season only to place second in both the Eastern and NCAA grand finals.

"Polls don't mean anything unless you win your races," asserted Dauphiny. "We learned a lesson from last year; we're not taking anything for granted. We didn't come into it thinking it was a done deal but maybe we lacked some urgency."

The Tiger seniors should provide the intensity as they look to end their stellar careers with a bang.

"I think the senior class always has that sense of urgency; it's their last chance to show what they can do," said Dauphiny, whose boat will conclude its season close to home by competing in the NCAA Championships at Mercer Lake in West Windsor on Memorial Day weekend.

"There are a lot of distractions this time of year, particularly for the seniors. I feel we're on the right track but that we could be derailed at any moment. There are pitfalls along the way but I hope that we can keep our eyes on the prize."

—Bill Alden

PU Men's Track 2nd at Ivy Heps

Paced by senior distance star Frank Macreery, the Princeton University men's track team finished a strong second last weekend at the Ivy League Heptagonal Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Franklin Field in Philadelphia.

Princeton piled up 114 points to finish second to Cornell, which had 129 points. Macreery won both the 5,000-meter and 10,000-meter races to spark the Tigers. Other individual standouts for Princeton included Will Byrad and Duane Hynes, who took second and third in the decathlon, respectively. Brian Shields was third in the 200 and fifth in the 100.

Princeton will host the 2006 ECAC/IC4A championship meet this weekend at Weaver Stadium.

PU Softball Sweeps Rider, Awaits NCAA Assignment

Keeping sharp before heading into NCAA play, the Princeton University softball team swept a doubleheader at Rider, topping the Broncos 3-0 and 6-0.

Erin Snyder and Kristen Schaus got the wins on the mound with Calli Jo Varner saving both games. Senior shortstop Cristina Cobb-Adams provided much of the offensive punch as she went 5-for-8 on the day.

The Tigers, who improved to 33-16 with the sweep, will find out their NCAA assignment this Sunday with regional play to start on May 18.

Princeton Men's Golf Sent to Central Region

The Ivy League champion Princeton University men's golf team learned Monday that it has been placed in the NCAA Central Regional at the Sand Ridge Golf Club in Chandron, Ohio from May 18-20.

The Tigers are one of 27 teams in the region filed. The top 10 teams and the two top individuals not on those teams will advance to the NCAA Championships at the Crosswater Golf Club in Oregon from May 31-June 3.

Last season, Princeton was sent to the West region and placed 25th.

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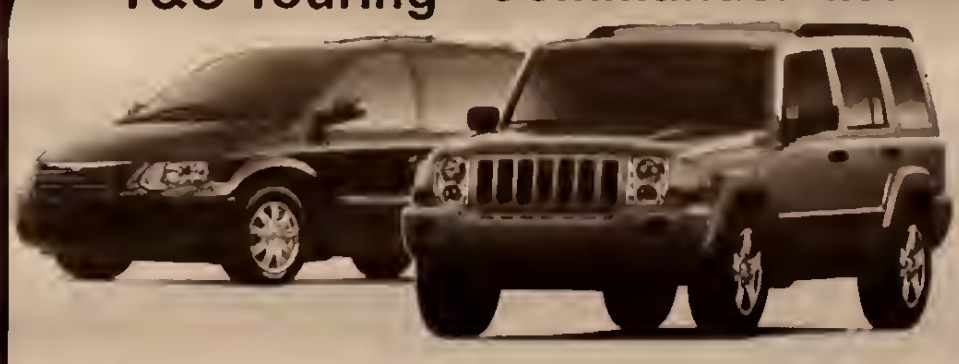

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Hun Boys' Lax Gets Defensive in Prep Title Game But Offense Misfires in 8-2 Loss to Lawrenceville

SEEING RED: Hun School junior star A.J. Blackburn looks for an opening last Saturday in Hun's 10-9 overtime win against visiting East Brunswick. Blackburn and the Raider offense couldn't get untracked two days later as they could only muster two goals in an 8-2 loss at Lawrenceville in the state Prep A title game. The Big Red outshot Hun 33-23 in the contest. Hun, now 11-2 and in the hunt for the Bianchi Division title, hosts HoVal on May 10, Pennington on May 12, and Mercersburg on May 13 before playing at Princeton High on May 15. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Facing undefeated and high-powered Lawrenceville last Monday in the state Prep A title game, the Hun School boys' lacrosse team knew it had to produce a strong defensive effort to have a chance.

The Raiders didn't waste any time showing that they were committed to slowing Lawrenceville, holding the Big Red to two goals in the first quarter.

Hun's defensive intensity didn't waver as it surrendered four goals in each half, holding Lawrenceville below its season average of 11 goals per game.

But with its normally productive offense misfiring, Hun fell short in its upset bid, dropping an 8-2 decision to Lawrenceville.

In assessing his team's effort, first-year Hun head coach Greg Provenzano took his hat off to his defensive unit.

"The defense played tough; that was a good team we played," said Provenzano, whose club dropped to 11-2 on the season.

"We told the guys that they were an offensive team and that they had to play hard. We needed to be attentive and intense."

Provenzano cited defensemen Joe Battle and Charlie Martin together with goalie Trey Geier as the ringleaders of Hun's defensive stand.

"Joe Battle and Charlie Martin played their hearts out; they really played tough," asserted Provenzano, whose team was outshot 33-23 with Geier recording 14 saves. "Trey Geier made some great saves for us in goal."

But while the Hun defense was at the top of its game, the team's offense couldn't find a rhythm, falling well short of its average of 13.8 goals per game.

"We got good looks but we missed the cage five or six times," said Provenzano, whose club's two goals both came from senior sharpshooter Matt Loy.

"We missed on a three-on-one that hit the post. The offense worked the ball around but we had too many turnovers and missed shots. If one of those shots had fallen maybe things would have been different."

While Provenzano may not have been happy with the game's final result, he had no qualms about his team's effort.

"We made a few mistakes but we played hard for four quarters," asserted Provenzano. "We were a lot more aggressive on the ground balls; we didn't back down from them at all."

With Hun still very much in the hunt for the Bianchi Division title, Provenzano believes that the experience of playing a team of the caliber of Lawrenceville will pay dividends.

"If we can beat Hopewell Valley, we could tie for the Bianchi," said Provenzano, whose club hosts HoVal on May 10, Pennington on May 12, and Mercersburg on May 13 before playing at Princeton High on May 15.

"We need to work on our offensive sets and finishing. You learn a lot from playing a team like Lawrenceville and I hope that will help us."

—Bill Alden

TIGHT QUARTERS: Hun school senior midfielder Stosh Marziarz, right, battles an East Brunswick player on a faceoff last Saturday in Hun's 10-9 overtime victory. Last Monday, Marziarz and his teammates had a tougher time getting possession as they fell 8-2 at undefeated Lawrenceville in the state Prep A championship game. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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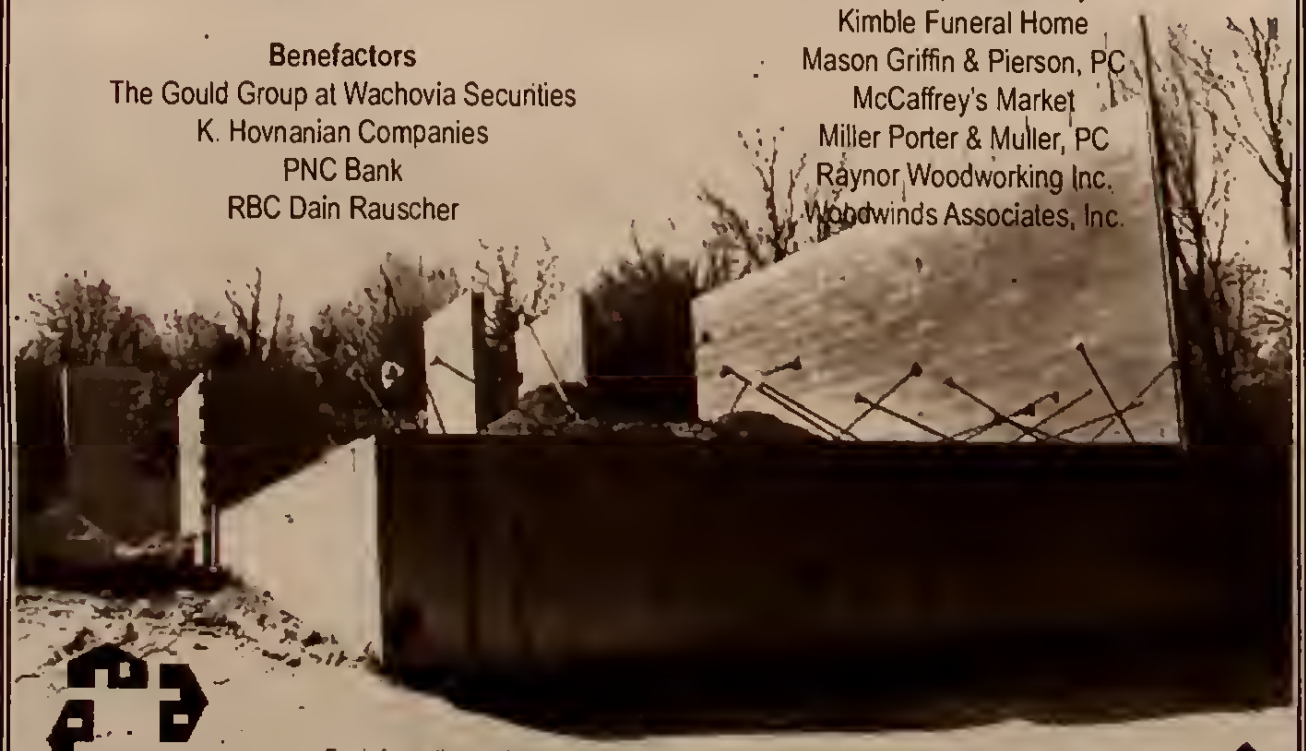

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Paced by Sarafin's Pitching, Clutch Hitting PHS Cruises Past PDS In MCT Opening Round

Colin Sarafin is used to weathering early storms when he takes the mound for the Princeton High baseball team.

So when he surrendered three runs in the first three innings last Saturday against Princeton Day School in the opening round of the Mercer County Tournament (MCT), he wasn't flustered.

Buoyed by a five-run PHS rally, the junior righthander buckled down and shut the Panthers out the rest of the way as the 13th-seeded Little Tigers upended fourth-seeded PDS 8-3.

After exchanging a celebratory high five with his five-year-old brother Aiden, Sarafin was all smiles as he assessed his pitching effort.

"I was ready; I felt really good today," said Sarafin, who struck out four and walked none in giving up just five hits. "Usually my arm takes time to get loose. The first two innings are always rough for me but as the game goes on I feel better. That was the case today."

BRINGING THE HEAT: Princeton High junior star Colin Sarafin fires a pitch in action earlier this season. Last Saturday, Sarafin pitched and hit PHS past Princeton Day School in the opening round of the Mercer County Tournament (MCT). Sarafin went the distance on the mound, striking out four and walking none. At the plate, he went 3-for-3 with 2 RBIs. The 13th-seeded Little Tigers, now 5-11 on the season, will face fifth-seeded Notre Dame in the MCT quarters on May 13 at Mercer County Community College.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

By the latter stages of the game, Sarafin was in total control of things. "I felt like I had command of all of my pitches today," asserted Sarafin, who moved to 2-0 on the season. "I think my curve ball was what got me out of a lot of situations today," said Sarafin, who helped PHS advance to the MCT semis last season. "On a lot of 2-and-0 counts, I was throwing curves; that really bailed me out today."

Sarafin's work at the plate also helped to bail him out as he went 3-for-3 with 2 RBIs. "It's tough to pitch and hit at the same time," explained Sarafin. "I have trouble concentrating. Today I felt like all facets of my game were working today."

"We were really psyched to come out and play PDS," asserted Sarafin. "We beat them earlier in the year and it didn't make sense to us that we were the 13th seed and they were fourth. We came out with fire."

PHS head coach John Miranda is psyched about what he is getting from Sarafin on the mound and at the plate. "Colin has really pitched well for us all year," asserted Miranda, whose team fell to 5-11 with a 9-3 loss to Notre Dame last Monday.

"This was his best game; he was getting all of his pitches over for strikes, He was mixing them up and he had real good stuff. He's also been our best hitter this year; he's our big RBI guy this year."

PHS was pumped up to get into action in the MCT, particularly against crosstown rival PDS. "For a young team like us, it's our big thing," said Miranda, who got a 3-for-4 effort from hot hitting Danny Etherton. "We've only had two seniors in the lineup most of the season. We always like playing PDS, a lot of the kids play together in Legion ball. It was a well-played game for us; the kids played hard."

Miranda is hoping that his club can put together a run like it did in last year's MCT, when it pulled some big upsets after getting the 13th seed.

"We want to do the same thing this year," asserted Miranda, whose club will continue play on the counties when they face fifth-seeded Notre Dame on May 13 at Mercer County Community College. "This is our opportunity to be in big games so we try to make the best of it."

Sarafin, for one, believes that opponents would be making a mistake if they judge PHS solely on its record. "You can't look at the game on paper," said Sarafin.

"We came out with a lot of heart today; that's what makes us a strong team. We've lost a lot of close games; when we come to play we can compete with anyone. We want to get to Waterfront Park [the site of the MCT title game], that's the goal."

—Bill Alden

PHS Golf Suffers Rare Defeat in Peddie Loss; Setback Sharpens Focus for Homestretch

With an undefeated record this spring in dual matches and coming off a record breaking perfomance a day before, the Princeton High golf team figured to easily beat Peddie last Friday.

Instead, PHS produced one of its more disappointing performances in recent years as it fell by nine strokes to the Falcons (194-203).

While Little Tiger head coach Sheryl Severance wasn't happy with result, she believes the loss may be a blessing in disguise as PHS heads into the season's homestretch.;

"We didn't play well," said Severance in assessing the Peddie match. "But as we said afterwards, it's not the CVC. It is a loss and I think it might be good to have it out of the way. I think we were playing not to lose rather than to win."

A day earlier, PHS showed why it doesn't lose often as it set a program record for low score in carding a 183 in its 20-stroke win over Hopewell Valley. Peter Teifer led the way with a 35 with Jordan Gibbs and Will Madden both carding a 36.

"That was great, we were really excited," said Severance. "We were saying the day before that our record was 185 and the guys saw that WW/P-S had a 184. They wanted to beat both records and they went out and shot a 183."

Severance knows that her team needs to play great as it faces matches this week against some of the elite programs in the state before competing in the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) on May 11 at Mercer Oaks.

"We have a tough schedule," said Severance, whose club has lost just dual matches in the last three seasons having gone 17-0 in 2004 and 20-1 last year.

"We play Shawnee on Monday; they're in the top five in the state. Then we play Haddonfield, which is another top five team, and then we have Moorestown, who is in the top 20. We talked about how that could keep us really sharp or burn us out. I told them they have to be up for the matches."

PHS showed Shawnee that it has the depth and talent to compete with the elite as the Little Tigers broke the record they had set days earlier in posting a 180-190 win. Mike DiMeglio led the way with a 3-under 32 while Gordie Graham was next at 33 with Gibbs at 36.

The Little Tigers appear to have the depth to keep thriving in those matches with Telfer averaging 37.7 strokes per nine holes and Gibbs, Graham, Madden, and Jason Barry all in the 38 range.

"They are competing with each other every day," said Severance. "They all want to go to the counties and the states."

In the MCT, PHS figures to get some good competition at the counties from rival WW/P-S which recently won the Cherry Valley Invitational with the Little Tigers coming in a tie for third.

"It's good to have a rival like that," said Severance, referring to WW/P-S. I think you can't go into every match knowing you're going to win. You can get complacent subconsciously. You play up to better competition."

If PHS can play up to its abundant potential, it could prove to be too tough for the rest of the competition.

—Bill Alden

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With Lefebvre Adjusting Quickly at Goalie, PDS Girls' Lax Primed for Prep Tourney Run

STICKING IT: Princeton Day School sophomore wing Hannah Epstein streaks up the field in a recent game. Epstein scored three goals twice last week as the Panthers beat WW/P-N 14-7 and Rutgers Prep 14-6. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Leah Lefebvre didn't make much of an impact last spring for the Princeton Day School girls' lacrosse team.

Playing sparingly, Lefebvre spent her freshman year as a member of the supporting cast while the Panthers went 12-5.

So when junior goalie Maddy Ferguson decided to spend this semester studying in Maine and no back-up was ready to step in, Lefebvre volunteered for the position, figuring she had nothing to lose.

Utilizing the athleticism that has made her a star for the PDS girls' ice hockey team, Lefebvre has been a revelation in the net, emerging as a key performer for the Panthers.

Last Thursday, Lefebvre showed how quickly she has adjusted to her challenging new role, making several key stops to help PDS to a sweet 14-7 win at WW/P-N in a clash of 9-1 squads.

A smiling Lefebvre relished helping PDS prevail in the battle which was delayed a day due to problems scheduling officials.

"I think we had a really good practice yesterday," said Lefebvre, who recorded 12 saves on the afternoon.

"We were ready for them the day before and we were ready for them today. We figured out that every player we have can score and they did."

Lefebvre is glad that she figured that playing goalie would be a smart move. "I was a horrible field player," said Lefebvre with a chuckle. "This year I volunteered for goal and here we are. I'm very happy that I stepped up and made that decision. I definitely picked the right team to do it with. I've gotten a couple of bruises here or there; I love it."

The toughness Lefebvre has gained from playing defense for the Panther ice hockey team has aided her transition to goalie on the lax field.

"This year on defense, Elisa Cichonski was a first-year goalie and I had to block shots to help her out," recalled Lefebvre. "I think that has helped me."

A mutual respect has developed between Lefebvre and her mates on defense."I know that my defense relies on me when they do a good job," explained Lefebvre.

"Making easy saves is my job; making the hard ones is a bonus. I know I can depend on my defense to be there. I feel like the more I step up, the more confident they feel in me too. I feed off of them and they feed off of me."

PDS head coach Jill Thomas has developed a lot of confidence in her neophyte goalie. "She's been a huge surprise for us," said Thomas, referring to Lefebvre. "I think she's getting better and better. She made some great saves today; I don't think they scored one low goal."

Thomas is happy with her whole defensive unit. "I think it's the three seniors," said Thomas, whose club fell 13-12 to Princeton High last Friday to drop to 10-2 on the season. "Mary [Peters] goes the whole field so its good to have Jess [Cellars] and Katie [Cara] back there. The two sophomore wings are pretty good too. Hannah [Epstein] and Erin Burns can go up and down the field all day. They believe and deny."

The Panther offense was hard to deny against WW/P-N as it exploded for 10 first half goals to build what turned out to be an insurmountable advantage.

"I think our motion offense worked today; we had a lot of different options off of motion," explained Thomas, who got three goals apiece from Epstein, Keely Langdon, and Nina Crouse with Peters and Katie Briody chipping in two each.

"Who do you guard if a lot of people are scoring? We usually score 14-15-16 goals a game and we got them all in the first half. That was beautiful. We were extremely, extremely ready and that showed."

In Thomas' view, her team is ready to do some special things in the upcoming state Prep A tournament. "Everyday I pinch myself, they have really come together," said a beaming Thomas, whose 10-2 team hosts Ranney on May 11 before playing at Newark Academy in the Prep A quarters.

"We have a lot of talent out there; there aren't two kids carrying us. It's a wonderful team and the chemistry has been unbelievable."

Lefebvre, for her part, believes the team has forged some deep bonds. "There are so many seniors and juniors; the team has been together a long time," added Lefebvre. "We have faith in each other. We pass the ball; we have plays. We trust each other to catch the ball."

And with Lefebvre catching most everything that has come her way lately, the Panthers have gained a lot of trust in their new goalie.

—Bill Alden

CATCH OF THE DAY: Princeton Day School sophomore goalie Leah Lefebvre makes a save last Friday in PDS' 13-12 loss to Princeton High. A day earlier, Lefebvre recorded 12 saves to help PDS win 14-7 at WW/P-N. The Panthers, off to a 10-2 start, host Ranney on May 11 before playing at Newark Academy in the state Prep A quarters.

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Plagued by Inconsistent Play, PDS Baseball Falls in MCT, Preps

Heading into the fourth inning of its Mercer County Tournament clash last Saturday with visiting Princeton High, the Princeton Day School baseball team appeared to be in good shape.

Overcoming an early 2-0 deficit, PDS took the lead in the bottom of the third as Mike Shimkin scored after he hit a triple and then scampered home as the ball was misplayed in the outfield.

But the roof fell in on the Panthers in the top of the fourth as PHS sent eight players to the plate in the frame, exploding for five runs. PDS never threatened after that as it fell 8-3 to its crosstown rivals.

A frustrated Panther head coach Bruce Devlin admitted that the collapse amounted to discouraging case of déjà vu.

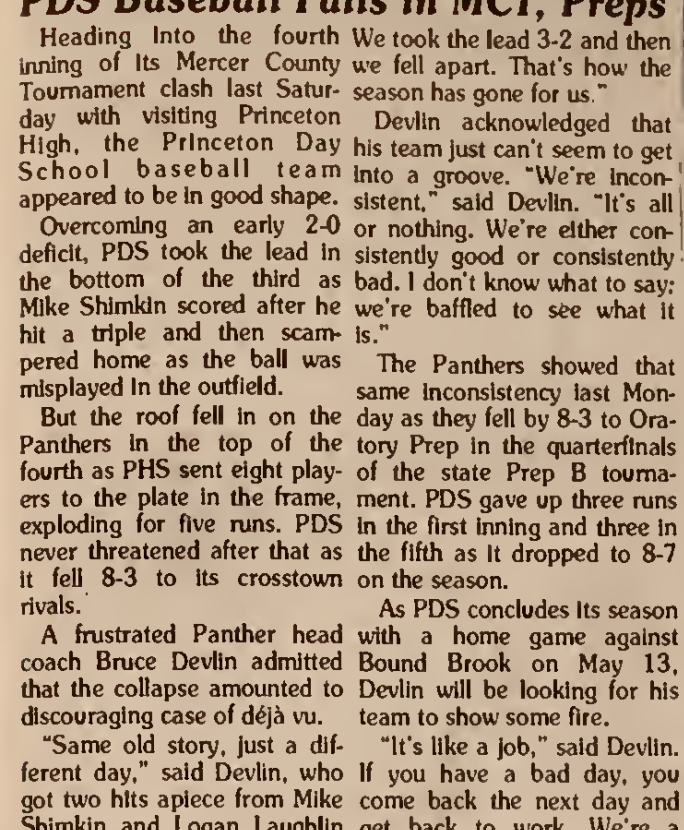
"Same old story, just a different day," said Devlin, who got two hits apiece from Mike Shimkin and Logan Laughlin in the loss. "We're just not making the plays. We're not good enough to keep not making plays and come back. We took the lead 3-2 and then we fell apart. That's how the season has gone for us."

Devlin acknowledged that his team just can't seem to get into a groove. "We're inconsistent," said Devlin. "It's all or nothing. We're either consistently good or consistently bad. I don't know what to say; we're baffled to see what it is."

The Panthers showed that same inconsistency last Monday as they fell by 8-3 to Oratory Prep in the quarterfinals of the state Prep B tournament. PDS gave up three runs in the first inning and three in the fifth as it dropped to 8-7 on the season.

As PDS concludes its season with a home game against Bound Brook on May 13, Devlin will be looking for his team to show some fire.

"It's like a job," said Devlin. If you have a bad day, you come back the next day and get back to work. We're a young team; we're starting five sophomores and a freshman some games. We've got to keep battling, that's that."



SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS: Princeton Day School baseball head coach Bruce Devlin surveys the action in a game earlier this spring. Devlin has been frustrated by his team's lack of consistency as it has posted a mark of 8-7. The Panthers will conclude its season with a home game against Bound Brook on May 13. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

ON BOARD. Princeton Day School senior Andrew Davidson leads off base in recent action. Davidson and his teammates had a tough few days as they fell 8-3 to Princeton High last Saturday in the opening round of the Mercer County Tournament and then dropped an 8-3 decision to Oratory Prep last Monday in the state Prep B quarterfinals.

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LEAP OF FAITH: Hun School junior Andrew Baxter leaps over a Hightstown runner last Saturday in Hun's 10-0 win over the Rams in the opening round of the Mercer County Tournament (MCT). Last Monday, the Raiders dropped a 2-1 decision to Peddie in the state Prep A tournament. In upcoming action, the Raiders, now 10-6, play Hamilton on May 17 in the MCT in addition to hosting the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) tournament on May 13-14. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

STUART

Lacrosse: Freshman standout Elizabeth Bucklee came up big but it wasn't enough as Stuart fell 15-10 to Princeton High last Monday. Bucklee scored four goals while junior star Kelly Bruvik chipped in three. Stuart, which fell to 4-7 with the loss, plays at Purnell on May 12 in addition to hosting Ranney on May 17 in the state Prep B tournament.

Track: Paced by a huge day from Carys Johnson, Stuart cruised to victory in the Patriot Conference championship meet last Friday. The Tartans piled up 211 team points, 100 points more than runner-up Pennington, in winning their fifth straight conference title. Johnson won the 100, 200, and 400, in addition to anchoring the mile relay to a new record. Other individual standouts for Stuart included Nicole Huber, who took first in the mile and two-mile, Dominic Rice, the winner in the shot put, Sarah Goodwin, the champion in the discus, Jenae Harrington, the winner in the long jump, Brittany Kidd, the top finisher in the high jump, and Hannah Wilson, who was first in the 400 hurdles and second in the high jump. The Tartans compete in the Mercer County Championship Meet on May 13 at Steinert and the state Prep B meet on May 16 at Pingry.

HUN

Softball: Hun split a doubleheader with visiting Mercersburg last Sunday. The Raiders took the opener 3-0 as Nikki Caplinger hurled a three-hit shutout. In game two, Hun fell 6-3 to drop to 7-5 on the season. The Raiders host Hill on May 13 in addition to competing in the state Prep A tournament.

Girls' Lacrosse: Senior star Katie Kirnan came up big as Hun topped Pennington 13-5 last Monday. Kirnan fired in four goals with Tyler Willey, Claire Hallilday, Bridget Stinson, and Danica Roskos chipping in two apiece. Hun, now 8-5, hosts Blair on May 10 and Mercersburg Academy on May 13 in addition to hosting Morristown-Beard in the state Prep A tournament.

Boys' Tennis: Hun clicked on all cylinders as the team posted straight-set wins at each flight in a 7-0 win over visiting Mercersburg last Sunday. The Raiders compete in the state Prep A tournament on May 13 at Lawrenceville.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Baseball: Brad Raynor provided a big hit to help Lawrenceville to a 12-6 win over Blair last Monday in the state Prep A tournament. Raynor clubbed a two-run homer to spark a four-run rally in the third inning. The Big Red, now 13-3 on the season, play at Hill on May 10 before competing in the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) tournament at Hun on May 13-14.

Girls' Lacrosse: Paced by a scoring outburst from senior star Sara Flood, Lawrenceville edged WW/P-N 15-14 last Monday. Flood exploded for eight goals with Princeton resident Nellie Morris adding four goals and four assists. Lawrenceville, now 10-3, plays at Pennington on May 10 and hosts Ridgewood on May 13 in addition to hosting Peddie in the state Prep A tournament.

PDS

Softball: Unable to get its offense going, PDS fell 8-0 at Peddie last Friday. The Panthers were held hitless as they saw their six-game winning streak come to an end. The Panthers, who fell to 10-3 with the defeat, compete in the state Prep B tournament this week in addition to playing at George School on May 12.

Boys' Lacrosse: PDS put up a strong early fight but could not hold on as it fell 12-3 at Rutgers Prep in the state Prep B semifinals last Monday. PDS trailed just 4-2 at the half but was outscored 4-0 in the third quarter on the way to the loss. Joey Horowitz notched all three Panther goals. PDS, now 4-9, hosts Pennington on May 10 and Princeton High on May 12.

PHS

Boys' Lacrosse: Junior star attacker Tyler Moni had another big day to lead PHS to a 13-7 win at Notre Dame last Monday. Moni scored four goals and had three assists with David Giancola chipping in three goals and Brandon Polakoff adding two. The Little Tigers, now 11-1, play at Peddie on May 10 and at Princeton Day School on May 12 before hosting Hun on May 15.

Boys' Tennis: Paced by wins from Matt Ullmann at first singles and David Zheng at second singles, PHS topped Notre Dame 4-1 last Monday. PHS hosts Ewing on May 10 and Hopewell Valley on May 12.

Softball: Continuing to struggle at the plate, PHS was held hitless as it lost 5-0 to Notre Dame last Monday. In upcoming action, the Little Tigers, now 1-12, play at Ewing on May 10.

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Ask your family, friends and business colleagues to recommend someone. More and more these days, attorneys are specialists. So, when asking for a recommendation, ask for an attorney specializing in your area of interest — (i.e., auto accidents, medical malpractice, contract law, family law). Consult the website, lawyers.com, and search there for a lawyer near you who specializes in your area of need.

With the names you obtain by personal recommendation and from the Internet, go to martindale.com, the web site of the Martindale Hubbell legal directory. That website provides ratings for many, but not all lawyers. The ratings take into consideration the lawyer's expertise, other professional qualifications and the lawyer's adherence to standards of conduct and ethics, reliability, diligence and other criteria. Legal Ability Ratings are: C - Good to High; B - High to Very High; A - Very High to Preeminent. A lawyer will not receive a legal ability rating unless he or she has been endorsed with a V - Very High – ethical rating. For example, "BV" means high to very high legal ability and very high ethics standards.

When you have narrowed your list down to a few attorneys, meet with at least your top two and see what you think. Be wary of an attorney who is standoffish, disinterested, or tries to placate you with phrases like, "Don't worry, I know what's best," before thoroughly understanding your needs or concerns. It is very important that you feel comfortable with and have confidence in your attorney. An attorney who is right for your friend or colleague may not be right for you. Don't be intimidated or afraid to ask questions. Be clear on the scope of the work you want.

Don't be afraid to talk about fees. There are three basic payment options — contingency (which applies typically for personal injury and workers' compensation lawsuits), hourly rate, or flat fee.

The last two options are most prevalent in business type matters, though a contingency fee arrangement can sometimes be negotiated even in those kinds of cases. Some firms will work out a combination rate for litigation. For instance, there will be a flat fee quoted for case preparation combined with a contingency fee incentive should the case be won or settled in your favor. Law firms are also generally willing to set up a payment schedule for lengthy cases, allowing both you and the firm a more predictable cash-flow situation.

Be sure to work out compensation matters in writing with the attorney before proceeding with your case. Critically compare legal fees. Although one attorney may not be as costly as another, the more costly lawyer who has more experience with your type of case may be able to get you a better result, faster.

If you are interviewing an attorney who you trust but simply cannot afford, ask for his or her recommendation of an attorney more suitable to your price range.

Finally, don't continue with a lawyer in whom you have lost confidence. If you are not satisfied, take your case to another lawyer.

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LOCAL SPORTS

PSA Youth Soccer Holding Tryouts

The Princeton Soccer Association (PSA) has announced its travel team tryout schedule for the 2006- 2007 season. Tryouts are open to all players without charge and will be held at Washington Road Fields on the Princeton University campus. Free preregistration is being accepted online at Blue Sombrero. Registration will also be available at the field with a $15 administrative charge.

Prospective players should bring their own soccer footwear, shin guards, and water. Soccer balls will be available at the fields. Parents must complete registration online or on the field before their child may participate in tryouts. Players should not wear travel team, select, or ODP uniforms to tryouts.

The tryout schedule is as follows:

-Under 10 (DOB 8/1/1996-7/31/1997) — boys: May 16 and May 18; 4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m.; girls: May 15 and May 17; 4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m.;

-Under 11 (DOB 8/1/1995-7/31/1996) — boys: May 16 and May 22; 4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m. ; girls: May 22 and May 23; 4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m.;

-Under 12 (DOB 8/1/1994-7/31/1995) — boys: Patriots (Premier Team): May 22 and May 24; 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; AC Milan (Competitive Team): May 23 and May 25; 4:15 p.m. -5:45 p.m.; girls: Stripes (Premier Team): May 17 and May 25; 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; Miracles (Competitive Team): May 23 and May 25; 4:15 p.m. -5:45 p.m.;

-Under 13 (DOB 8/1/1993-7/31/1994) — boys: May 15; 4:15 p.m. -5:45 p.m. and May 25; 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. ; girls: Orange Crush formerly Paws (Premier Team): May 23 and May 24; 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; Pounce (Competitive Team): May 22; 4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m. and May 25; 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.;

- Under 14 (DOB 8/1/1992- 7/31/1993) — boys: Warriors (Premier Team): May 15 and May 17; 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. ;Earthquakes (Competitive Team): May 16 and May 18; 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; girls: United '92 (Premier Team): May 18 and May 23; 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m.; Bengals (Premier); May 15 and May 22; 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.;

- Under 15 (DOB 8/1/1991- 7/31/1992) — boys: Strikers (Premier team) May 17 and May 24; 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; girls: United '91 (Premier Team): May 16 and May 24; 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m.; Lightning (Competitive Team): May 15 and May 23; 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Beginning in 2006-2007, the PSA will be starting a Travel Development Academy (TDA). This program is designed specifically for under-7 to under-9 (DOB 8/1/ 97-7/31/2000) players. TDA is the first of its kind in New Jersey and offers the youngest players the opportunity to develop under professional coaches for both training and games without extrinsic pressure of winning and the burden of long distance travel.

The program is modeled on recommendations made by United States Youth Soccer for Small Sided games. The program will be directed by Christopher Mayer and staffed by professional trainers. The tryouts for boys and girls are June 5, 6, and 7 at 4:30 p.m.-6 p.m. For more information, log on to www.princetonsoccer.org/yds.htm

All questions regarding the listed tryouts should be directed to the club's Executive Administrator, Michael Poller, or (609) 658-4676.

Tryouts for the Under-16 and older teams will be held at a later date. Please contact administrator@princetonsoccer.org for more information.

Princeton Little League Recent Results

In action last Wednesday in the Princeton Little League majors division, the Corporate Synergies Phillies beat the Sidetrax, Inc. Yankees 10-3. Ian Finnen and Michael Dunlop combined for the pitching win. Finnen, Dunlop, and Scott Bechler starred at the plate as they each posted multiple-hit games.

In games last Sunday, the University Radiology White Sox beat the McCaffrey's Dodgers 9-7 in a topsy-turvy game that feature four lead changes. Kevin White, Chris Harwood, Marcus Budline, and Sam List had big hits for the White Sox while Power Lee, Will Flemer, Ben Davis, Steve Sipprelle, and Ed Pecarpeo starred at the plate for the Dodgers.

In other action Sunday, the Ashley Furniture Homestore Mets beat the Corporate Synergy Phillies 7-5 with Jacob Eisenberg, Jeremy Goldsmith, and Matt Hoffman handling the pitching duties in the win. The Sidetrax, Inc. Yankees defeat Mrmarketlshuge.com Red Sox 5-3 behind the strong pitching of Will Kister. The Red Sox's Michael Irving had a big game in a losing cause as he slugged two homers.

Last Monday, the Ashley Furniture Homestore Mets edged the Sidetrax Inc. Yankees 4-2. Jon Tattoni smacked a key hit to spark a late rally for the Mets while Jacob Eisenberg and Matt Hoffman split the pitching duties for the winners.

The McCaffrey's Dodgers defeated Mrmarketishuge.com Red Sox 9-5. Steve Sipprelle went five full innings on the mound for the Dodgers with Ben Davis shutting the door with a 1-2-3 sixth inning.

PHS Football Booster Golf Outing May 31

The Princeton High football program is holding its second annual team booster golf outing on May 31 at the Princeton Country Club on Wheeler Way.

The event features a shotgun start at 10 a.m. with prizes awarded for low gross, longest drive, straightest drive, and nearest to the pin on par threes. There will also be raffle prizes.

The fee is $150 per player and includes carts, lunch, and dinner. The fee for dinner only is $60. Businesses or individuals can also encouraged to fund sponsorships. Gold sponsors are available for $1,000 which include four players and sponsor recognition; silver sponsors are $500 and include two players and sponsor recognition; with tee sponsors available for $175.

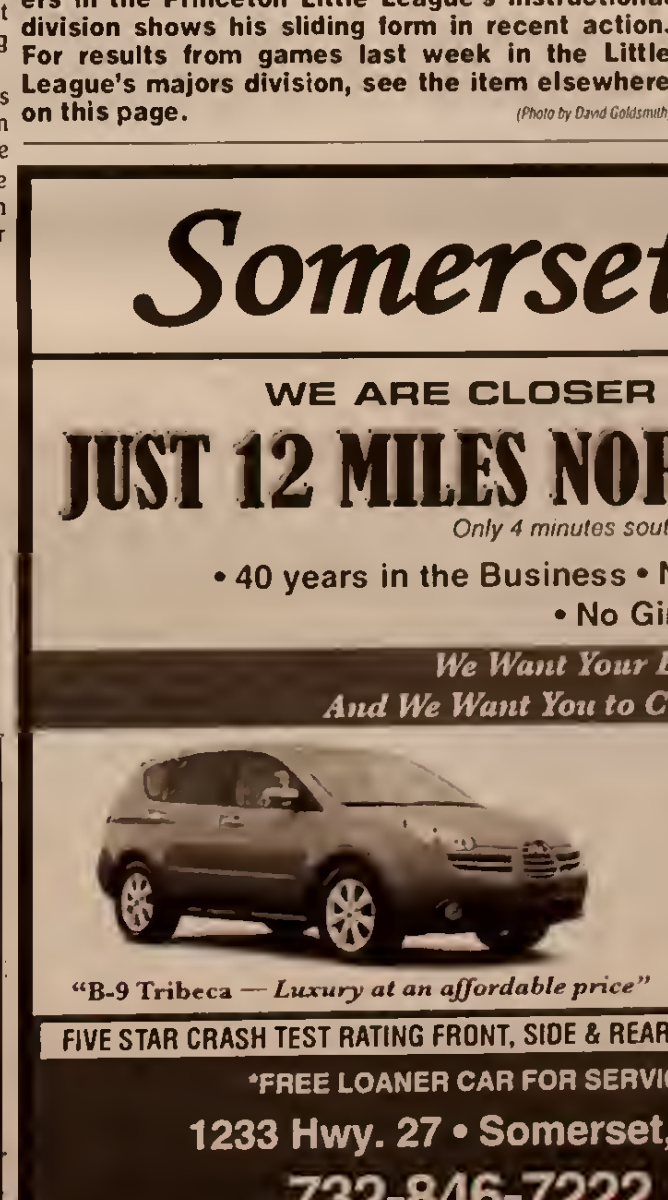
Money raised from the event will be used to purchase needed equipment for the PHS football program and help players participate in summer camps.

For more information, contact Tom Fisher by phone at (609) 655-2126 or (609) 734-7046 or via e-mail at fisher@pbworld.com.

PGSA Softball Recent Results

In action last Thursday in the Princeton Girls Softball Association's (PGSA) minors division, the Diamonds had a four-run third inning to defeat the Goldens 4-1.

The Diamonds' Audrey Niblo had a critical hit in the decisive rally. Allison Hubert and Katie Kanter starred on the mound in securing the win for the Diamonds. Jessica Campisi pitched two scoreless innings in a losing cause with Hayley Bell contributing two hits and scoring the Goldens' lone run.



ARTFUL DODGER: Gabriel Bar-Cohen of the Dodgers in the Princeton Little League's instructional division shows his sliding form in recent action. For results from games last week in the Little League's majors division, see the item elsewhere on this page. *(Photo by David Goldsmith)*

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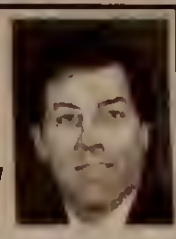

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Here's another home run riddle most baseball fans just might be able to solve. Entering the 2005 season, which position ranked first among them all in most total homers in major league history, and which position ranked last, not counting pitchers, of course? First place goes to first base--more than 37,200 total home runs by players at that position through 2004. Right fielders were next with more than 34,500. In last place (no surprise) were shortstops with almost 14,500.

There is bad luck, terrible luck, and then the luck of basketball fan Marc Stern. In 1962, Stern was an 18-year-old sophomore at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. On March 2, he had tickets to see the NBA's Philadelphia Warriors play the New York Knicks in nearby Hershey. But Stern had an exam the next day, so he gave his tickets away-and missed history, because that was the night Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 point. Flash forward almost 44 years later, to January 21, 2006. Living in Los Angeles and a Lakers season ticket holder, Stern couldn't attend that night's game because he had to go to a birthday party. So he gave his tickets away-an missed the game in which Kobe Bryant rang up 81 points, second in league history only to Wilt's 100.

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OBITUARIES

Ann D. Merritt

Ann Davis Merritt, 83, of Skillman and Chappaquiddick, Mass., died May 2 of acute myeloid leukemia.

Born in Manhattan, she graduated from Penn Hall Preparatory School in 1940. She attended the Child Education Foundation, the first Montessori training school in the U.S., and continued her education at Stetson University.

A resident of the Princeton-Kingston area since 1954 and of Chappaquiddick since 1977, she was involved in a wide range of community activities. She was a former board member of the Friends of the Princeton University International Center, Trinity Counseling Service, and American Field Service-USA. For many years she was an active volunteer for Trinity Church's outreach program and the Princeton Medical Center. In Princeton she was a member of the Springdale Golf Club, Nassau Club, Contemporary Garden Club, and Present Day Club. In Chappaquiddick she was a member of the Edgartown Yacht Club, Chappaquiddick Beach Club, Royal Chappaquiddick Yacht Club, and Island Ball Watchers Society.

The wife of the late Robert McElroy Merritt, she was predeceased also by her son Barry Davis Merritt. She is survived by a son, Robert Jr. of Boulder, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held May 5 at Trinity Church. Interment was private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Counseling Service, 22 Stockton Street, Princeton 08540; or to the Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, Chappaquiddick Division, Wakeman Conservation Center, RR1, Box 319X, Vineyard Haven, Mass. 02568.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Charlene Elmore

Charlene Elmore of Hilton Head Island, S.C., formerly of Princeton, died May 5 at The Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, S.C.

Born in Valden, Miss., she attended Memphis State University. She obtained her bachelor of science in nursing from the Medical Units of the University of Tennessee and worked in the pediatric unit at Methodist Hospital in Memphis and Duke University in Durham, N.C.

She was the school nurse at Princeton Day School from 1979 to 1995.

After moving to South Carolina, she worked at Lady's Island Elementary School for one year and later as a substitute teacher for the Beaufort County School System until her diagnosis of multiple myeloma in 2004. She also volunteered her nursing skills at the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic in Hilton Head Island for five years.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Dr. James Elmore; three daughters, Kirsten, Tonya, and Leslie; six grandchildren; and four step-granddaughters.

Visitation will be May 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Country Club of Hilton Head, Hilton Head Plantation.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 51 Locust Avenue, Suite 201, New Canaan, Conn. 06540.

Arrangements are by the Island Funeral Home and Crematory, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Amy D. Goebel

Amy Downing Goebel, 93, of Hightstown, died May 7 at Meadow Lakes.

Born in Wisconsin, she spent her youth with her family in Idaho. She had been a resident of Meadow Lakes since 1997.

She lived in many places in the U.S. and in Trieste, Italy. Settling in Washington, D.C. in 1958, where her husband was a law professor, she served as administrative assistant to Sen. Frank Church of Idaho, then chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. She retired with her husband to Bethany Beach, Del. in 1970.

She was an active volunteer with the Red Cross and civic organizations wherever she lived. She enjoyed all things musical — songs , dance, and classics — both as a listener and as a participant. She was known for her warm wit, sense of humor, way with words, and unconventional joie de vivre.

She was predeceased by her husband, Col. H.P. Goebel, Jr., three brothers, two sisters, and a grandson. She is survived by a daughter, Happy Wallace of Princeton; two brothers; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at the Fort Myer Chapel with burial at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Trinity Counseling Service, 33 Mercer Street, Princeton 08540.

Arrangements are by The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Elizabeth A. Kanach

Elizabeth A. Kanach, 88, of Stonebridge at Montgomery, Skillman, died May 6 in the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Vintondale, Pa., the daughter of the late Michael and Elizabeth Printzinger Kahanca, she had lived in Readington Township for 55 years before moving to Montgomery Township two years ago.

A homemaker, she was a communicant of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Three Bridges, a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, and former member of the Readington Township Board of Elections and Hunterdon County 4-H organization. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, and travel.

Predeceased by her husband, Walter J. Kanach in 1996, she is survived by a son, Robert of Arnold, Md.; two daughters, Nancy Kanach of Princeton and Sharon Kanach of Normandy, France; a brother, Michael Kahanca of Ashtabula, Ohio; three sisters, Mary Kahanca and Mathilda Kane, both of Ashtabula, Ohio, and Olga Mildenberger of Cleveland; and four grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held May 10 at 10 a.m. in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Summer Road, Three Bridges. Interment will be in St. Magdalen Cemetery, Flemington.

Arrangements are by the Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home, Flemington.

Memorial contributions may be made to National Osteoporosis Foundation, Attn. Memorials, 1232 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-1292.

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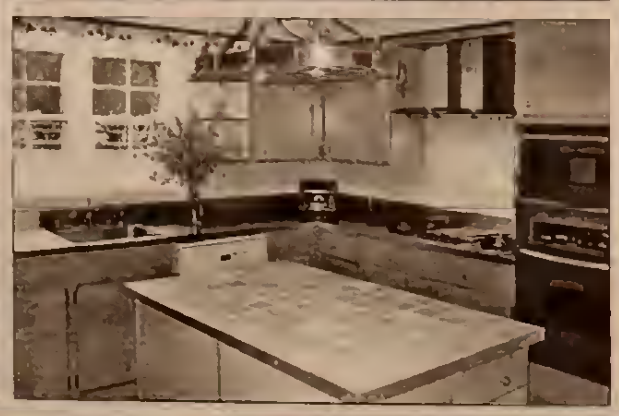

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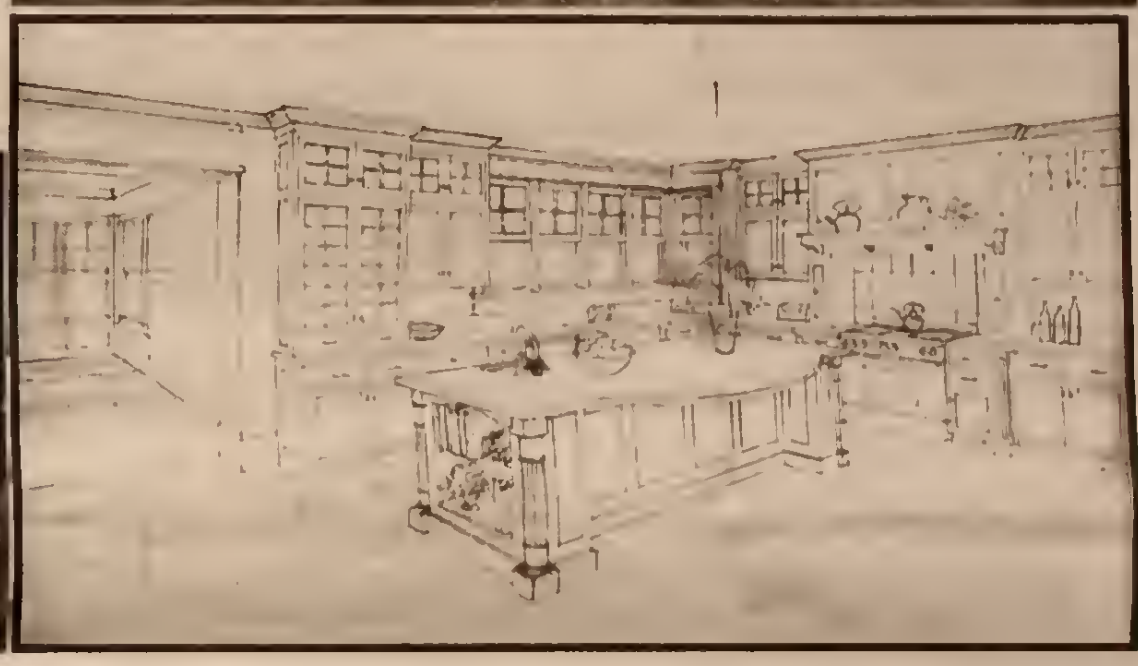

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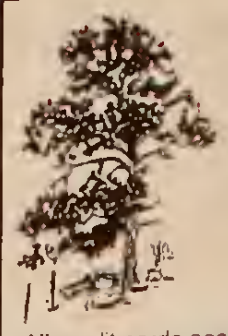

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Prices for high-end real estate have reached new heights across the country, but is the upswing going to continue? The outlook for the future has mixed reviews, but one thing is certain — luxury homes will keep on selling.

The luxury market is being driven primarily by Baby Boomers. Over the next ten years, more Boomers will buy high-end property. The finest homes in the most desirable locations tend to sell quickly to a select group of buyers who can afford the best and are not concerned about rising interest rates. These homebuyers want lasting quality, solid construction and first-rate finishing. Premier properties will hold their value because the demand for exceptional homes will persist.

Overall price increases are expected to decline, but appreciation in many exclusive markets has continued despite slowing sales. In high-demand metro areas, the median price for a 4-bedroom single-family home exceeds $1 million. According to the Census Bureau, there are now more than a million U.S. homes worth more than a million dollars.

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